

# **PARAMEDIC (PM)**

## ***Diploma***

### ***Description***

Paramedics are highly trained members of the health-care community who utilize clinical decision making to formulate a field impression in order to provide basic and advanced life support. Paramedics are responsible for bringing life-saving diagnostic and treatment skills to the patient at the scene of an emergency. Paramedic is recognized as an allied health occupation in which healthcare workers respond and provide immediate treatment to victims of illness or injury. As the highest level “out-of-hospital” healthcare provider, the paramedic acts as a team leader during an ambulance response to medical emergencies, rescue operations, mass casualty situations, and crime scenes. A diploma will be awarded upon successful completion of this program.

Students who have successfully met all educational *and* institutional requirements for a Diploma in Paramedic (PM) at Southeastern Institute are eligible to take the Tennessee Initial Paramedic Licensure Examination and be considered for licensure by the Tennessee Department of Health’s Emergency Medical Services Division.

### ***Objectives***

This program prepares students for an entry-level position as a Paramedic. The courses in program will provide students with the advanced skills necessary to function as a paramedic utilizing EKG interpretation, airway management, vascular access, emergency pharmacology, and other advanced life-support procedures in the field in conjunction with medical oversight. In addition, the objective of the program is to prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains. After successful completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- To prepare competent entry-level Paramedics (PM) in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains.

### ***Prerequisites***

#### **Admission to the College**

- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Achieve benchmark score on the school entrance exam
- Complete Application

#### **Prior to admission into the Paramedic program the following programmatic Pre-Admission requirements must be completed:**

- Possess clear, current EMT-Basic/IV license or be state eligible
- Possess current BLS Certification for Healthcare Providers
- Achieve benchmark score on the COMPASS Exam
- Pass Physical Examination

- Clear Ten Panel Drug Screen
- Clear Background Check
- Possess Current Health Insurance

The Candidate must also be evaluated using the scale approved by the Division. Each requirement will receive a score of 1-5 depending on the quality of achievement with 5 being the highest and 1 being the lowest. Applicants selected shall receive an overall rating of 2.5 and above. The following areas of assessment are to be tabulated:

- EMT Knowledge Exam (minimum score 80%) administered at the school
- Interview
- Minnesota Multiple Personality Index (MMPI) test to achieve a Psychological Profile Score

### ***Course Outline***

To receive a diploma in Paramedic (PM) students must complete 41.0 credit hours. This diploma program can be completed in 12 months for full-time day students.

### **Paramedic (41.0 credit hours)**

#### ***Diploma***

EMS 2010	Anatomy and Physiology for Paramedics	2.5 credit hours
EMS 2010L	Anatomy and Physiology for Paramedics Laboratory	1.0 credit hour
EMS 2610	Introduction to Paramedic I	2.5 credit hours
EMS 2610L	Introduction to Paramedic I Laboratory	1.0 credit hour
EMS 2611	Introduction to Paramedic II	2.5 credit hours
EMS 2611L	Introduction to Paramedic II Laboratory	1.0 credit hour
EMS 2637	Airway & Medical Emergencies I	2.5 credit hours
EMS 2637L	Airway & Medical Emergencies I Laboratory	1.0 credit hour
EMS 2638	Airway & Medical Emergencies II	2.5 credit hours
EMS 2638L	Airway & Medical Emergencies II Laboratory	1.0 credit hour
EMS 2634	Trauma I	2.5 credit hours
EMS 2634L	Trauma I Laboratory	1.0 credit hour
EMS 2635	Trauma II	2.5 credit hours
EMS 2635L	Trauma II Laboratory	1.0 credit hour
EMS 2619	Medical Emergencies I	2.5 credit hours
EMS 2619L	Medical Emergencies I Laboratory	1.0 credit hour
EMS 2620	Medical Emergencies II	2.5 credit hours
EMS 2620L	Medical Emergencies II Laboratory	1.0 credit hour
EMS 2622	Operations, Patient Management, and Special Considerations I	2.5 credit hours
EMS 2622L	Operations, Patient Management, and Special Considerations I Laboratory	1.0 credit hour
EMS 2623	Operations, Patient Management, and Special Considerations II	2.5 credit hours
EMS 2623L	Operations, Patient Management, and Special Considerations II Laboratory	1.0 credit hour
EMS 2640	Paramedic Field/Clinical Experience	2.5 credit hours

**\*\*\*Completion of a comprehensive final written exam and comprehensive practical exams in the paramedic courses with a score of 80% or higher is required for graduation from the program; in addition to other requirements listed in the student handbook.**