

Career Studies

Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic



PURPOSE: If you are seeking postsecondary education programs that are less than conventional one- or two-year programs, MECC has what you are looking for. The Career Studies Certificate is a response to the non-conventional, short-term educational needs of individuals who seek to upgrade occupational skills, learn new skills, or pursue specialized interests.

The Career Studies Certificate consists of specialized program options. These options represent a wide variety of career and academic interest course areas. Each option is intended to represent a minimum amount of college course work considered representative of these fields of study and designed as a distinct “mini-curriculum” to meet minimum occupational or adult interest requirements.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: To be admitted to a Career Studies Certificate Program, one must meet the general requirements for admission to the College. Some courses may require prerequisites or demonstrated entry-level proficiency. Students lacking prerequisites or entry-level proficiency may be required to enroll in the developmental studies program or prerequisite course.

The Career Studies Certificate includes selected specialized courses within each program option. The range of course credits varies among the program options from a minimum of nine semester credits to a maximum of twenty-nine semester credits. Upon satisfactory completion of one of the program options, the graduate will receive the Career Studies Certificate. Students of the College may earn more than one certificate as program option requirements are satisfied.

Career Studies program options will be offered as community needs are identified and institutional resources permit. Normally, courses which are associated with the various program options may be offered when all of the following conditions are met:

1. Justifiable student enrollment
2. Adequate facilities are available
3. Qualified instructors are available
4. Adequate financial resources are available.

The College reserves the right to discontinue any Career Studies option if student interest does not justify its continuation

First Year

Summer Semester				
	EMS	213	ALS Skills Development	2
	SDV	100	College Success Skills	1
	BIO	145 ¹	Human Anatomy & Physiology	4

Fall Semester				
	EMS	201	EMS Professional Development	3
	EMS	205	Adv. Pathophysiology	4
	EMS	207	Adv. Patient Assessment	3
	EMS	242	ALS Clinical Internship III	1
	EMS	243	ALS Field Internship III	1

Spring Semester				
	EMS	209	Adv. Pharmacology	4
	EMS	211	Operations	2
	EMS	244	ALS Clinical Internship IV	1
	EMS	173	ALS Field Internship IV	1
Total Minimum Credits for Certificate				27

¹BIO 141/ 231 and BIO 142/323 may be substitute or BIO 14 *Admission requirements for this career studies certificate include: (1) meeting eligibility requirements as stipulate by the Virginia Office of Medical Services; (2) bring currently certifies as an EMT-Intermediate; and (3) having a minimum of three years’ experience at the EMT-intermediate level.

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