

Forsyth Tech EMS Programs

AEMT-Paramedic Bridge

Information Packet

Course Description

The Forsyth Tech EMS Programs Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMTs) to Paramedic bridging course is designed to bridge currently credentialed Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMTs) to the Paramedic level. This bridging course is held in 2 parts and spans over 40 weeks and will encompass online interactive lectures, classroom-focused lectures, individual skill labs, clinical, field and capstone internships. Upon completion of both parts, students should be able to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and affective behavior of a competent entry-level Paramedic. Students will then be eligible to test for North Carolina Paramedic certification and National Registry Paramedic.

Program Goal

The goal of Forsyth Tech Community College EMS Paramedic programs is to prepare Paramedics who are competent in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains to enter the profession.

Course Modality, Meeting Times, and Location

- **Course Modality:** This course is offered in a "flip-flop" format, allowing students to choose to attend in-person classes on either Tuesday or Thursday. In addition to in-person sessions, students are required to complete online assignments and lectures. Successful completion of both in-person and online components is necessary to graduate from the course. *(There are **two specific dates** listed on the schedule where students will need to attend class on an alternate day due to the college being closed for holidays. Be sure to review the schedule carefully for these adjustments).*
- **Meeting Times:** Class will run from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, with a 1-hour lunch break from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.
- **Course Location:** Forsyth Tech Northwest Forsyth Center located at:
3111 Big Oaks Dr, King, NC 27021.

Clinical Requirements: Part 1

Students must fulfill individual clinical requirements for both Part 1 and Part 2 of this course. To successfully complete Part 1, the following clinical requirements must be met:

- **Clinical Internship:** 60 Hours
- **Field Internship:** 60 hours

All required clinical hours for Part 2 must be completed by **November 9, 2025**. Failure to meet these requirements by the deadline will result in the student not successfully completing the course.

Clinical Requirements: Part 2

Students must fulfill individual clinical requirements for both Part 1 and Part 2 of this course. To successfully complete Part 2, the following clinical requirements must be met:

- **Field Internship:** 108 hours
- **Capstone:** 48 hours

All required clinical hours for Part 2 must be completed by **April 16, 2026**. Failure to meet these requirements by the deadline will result in the student not successfully completing the course.

Instructor Information

Lead Instructor:

Lead EMS Instructor, Andy Pate, B.S., NC-P, NRP
Level 2 Paramedic Instructor

Secondary Instructor:

Lead EMS Instructor, Joshua Bailey, M.A., NC-P
Level 2 Paramedic Instructor

Course Supervisor:

EMS Program Director, Michael Belcher, M.S., NC-P, NRP
Level 2 Paramedic Instructor

Prerequisites

To be eligible for the course students must complete the following prerequisites before the start of the course

- Must be 18 years of age at the start of the course to enroll.
- High school diploma or high school equivalency.
- Possession of a valid form of ID.
- Possession of a valid and active North Carolina AEMT Credential
- Completion of one of the Anatomy and Physiology courses below prior to the first day of class.
 - Option 1: EMS- 3163 Basic Anatomy and Physiology
 - Option 2: BIO- 163: Basic Anatomy and Physiology
 - Option 3: BIO- 165 & 166: Anatomy and Physiology I & II (Must complete both sections)
 - Option 4: BIO- 168 & 169: Anatomy and Physiology I & II (Must complete both sections)
- Complete college-level English or pass a written assessment within the past 12 months placing them in college-level English.
- Complete college-level Math or pass a written assessment within the past 12 months placing them in college-level Math.
- Attend and complete a mandatory information session and the required entry exam.

Placement Test

Information on the placement test is available at the Testing Center located in room 133, 1st Floor, Allman Center, Main Campus, or by calling 336-734-7324. Those needing to complete the English and Math placement tests should email placementtest@forsythtech.edu.

Application Period

The Forsyth Tech EMS program will begin accepting applications for the AEMT to Paramedic Bridging Course on March 3, 2025, and the application process will close on June 6, 2025. **Applications will not be accepted past June 6, 2025.**

Submitting Your Application

Please follow all the directions below to submit your application. All prerequisites must be completed **before** submitting your application. Incomplete applications or those without prerequisite verification will not be accepted.

Admission Steps

Step 1: Complete and Submit Registration Form. Fill out the registration form in this packet and email Catherine Hill at chill@forsythtech.edu to coordinate how to submit the document. If you are not affiliated with a qualifying volunteer fire department, rescue squad or EMS agency, you do not need to check any boxes in the "Affiliated Agency" section, but you MUST still sign the form.

Step 2: Submit FERPA Form. Complete the FERPA form by following this link:
https://short.forsythtech.edu/FERPA_Release.

Step 3: Provide Prerequisites and Identification. Submit all required prerequisites along with a copy of a valid government-issued photo ID to chill@forsythtech.edu.

Step 4: Submit Proof of Agency Affiliation (If Applicable). If you are affiliated with a volunteer or paid agency and wish to qualify for a fee waiver, provide an official letter of affiliation on agency letterhead, signed by your department chief.

Step 5: Attend the Mandatory Information Session and Complete Entry Exam. Participation in the mandatory information session (orientation) is required. Failure to attend will result in ineligibility to start the class.

Step 6: Purchase Uniform Shirt. Ensure that your uniform shirt is purchased by the specified deadline. Failure to do so will prevent you from attending the class.

Program Orientation and Entry Examination

The Forsyth Technical Community College EMS program's Paramedic orientation is a comprehensive process designed to prepare students for their upcoming coursework and clinical experiences. During the initial segment of orientation, students are required to take an entry examination. This assessment helps gauge their current knowledge and readiness for the program.

The second segment of orientation focuses on the clinical requirements necessary for successful program completion. Additionally, this part covers the Technical Standards and Essential Functions required to be a paramedic. This session is intended to be highly informational, providing students with a clear understanding of the program's expectations and the competencies they need to develop.

Students will also receive essential clinical paperwork during orientation. This documentation must be meticulously completed and submitted within the specified timeframe. The orientation is structured to ensure that students are well-informed about all aspects of the paramedic program, including the academic and practical requirements they must meet to succeed.

The mandatory information session (orientation) will be held on June 10, 2025, at the Northwest Forsyth Campus, located at 3111 Big Oaks Dr., King, NC 27021. Room details will be provided to all applicants who are invited to attend.

Admission Into the Course

A maximum of 20 students will be accepted into the class. To be considered, applicants must complete the application process, meet all prerequisites, attend the mandatory orientation, and successfully complete the entry exam.

If more than 20 applicants meet all requirements and complete the necessary steps, seats will be awarded based on entry exam performance, with the top 20 scorers securing a spot in the class.

Questions

For any questions regarding the Forsyth Tech EMS program or the paramedic program admissions process, please contact EMS Program Director Michael Belcher at mbelcher@forsythtech.edu.

COURSE SCHEDULE: Part 1

#	Class Day	Time	Topic	Class	Lab	Online	Clinical
1	7/1 or 7/3	0830-1700	Introduction and Pharmacology	7.5		9	
2	7/8 or 7/10	0830-1700	Pharmacology Lecture	7.5		9	
3	7/15 or 7/17	0830-1700	Pharmacology Lecture	7.5		9	
4	7/22 or 7/24	0830-1700	Pharmacology skills and lab	1	6.5	9	
5	7/29 or 7/31	0830-1700	Pharmacology skills and lab	1	6.5	9	
Clinical Rotations Start on 8/4/2025							60
6	8/5 or 8/7	0830-1700	Pharmacology Exam/ Advanced Airway Management Lecture	7.5		9	
7	8/12 or 8/14	0830-1700	Advanced Airway Management/ RSI	3.5	4	9	
8	8/19 or 8/21	0830-1700	Airway Management Skills Lab		7.5	9	
9	8/26 or 8/28	0830-1700	Airway exam/ AEMT Cardiology 1 Review	7.5		9	
10	9/2 or 9/4	0830-1700	Cardiology 2 Lecture	7.5		9	
11	9/9 or 9/11	0830-1700	Cardiology 2 Lecture	7.5		9	
12	9/16 or 9/18	0830-1700	Cardiology 2 Lecture, Static and Dynamic Cardiology Practice, Skills Lab	3.5	4	9	
13	9/23 or 9/25	0830-1700	Cardiology, 12-leads, skills lab, megacodes		7.5	9	
14	9/30 or 10/2	0830-1700	Cardiology Skills Lab Megacodes		7.5	9	
Field Internship Starts on							60
15	10/7 or 10/9	0830-1700	Cardiology Skills Lab Megacodes		7.5	9	
16	10/14 or 10/16	0830-1700	Cardiology Skills Lab Megacodes		7.5	9	
17	10/21 or 10/23	0830-1700	Cardiology Exam, Skills lab	4	3.5	9	
18	10/28 or 10/30	0830-1700	Medical Emergencies Lecture	7.5		9	
19	11/4 or 11/6	0830-1700	Medical Emergencies Lab		7.5	9	
Total Hours Per Section				73	69.5	171	120
Total Hours Part 1							433.5

COURSE SCHEDULE: Part 2

#	Class Day	Time	Topic	Class	Lab	Online	Clinical
Continue Field Internship							108
20	11/10* or 11/13 <i>*Class on Monday</i>	0830-1700	Medical Emergencies Lab		7.5	9	
21	11/18 or 11/20	0830-1700	Medical Emergencies exam/ Trauma Emergencies	4	3.5	9	
No Class Week or 11/24-11/28 Work on Clinicals							
22	12/2 or 12/4	0830-1700	Trauma Emergencies/ PHTLS	4	3.5	9	
23	12/9 or 12/11	0830-1700	Trauma Emergencies/ PHTLS	4	3.5	9	
24	12/16 or 12/18	0830-1700	Trauma Emergencies/ PHTLS Exam	4	3.5	9	
Winter Break Work on Clinicals							
25	12/30 or 1/2* <i>*Class on Friday</i>	0830-1700	Special Populations	7.5		9	



26	1/6 or 1/8	0830-1700	lifespan development patient Scenarios		7.5	9		
27	1/13 or 1/15	0830-1700	lifespan development patient Scenarios		7.5	9		
28	1/20 or 1/22	0830-1700	Special Populations and Lifespan Exam/ Start of Operations	3.5	4	9		
29	1/27 or 1/29	0830-1700	Operations Exam/ Scenarios, lab skill practice	1.5	6	9		
30	2/3 or 2/5	0830-1700	ACLS	7.5		9		
31	2/10 or 2/12	0830-1700	ACLS		7.5	2		
32	2/17 or 2/19	0830-1700	PALS	7.5		9		
33	2/24 or 2/26	0830-1700	PALS		7.5	2		
Start of Capstone Field Internship							48	
34	3/3 or 3/5	0830-1700	Capstone		7.5	9		
35	3/10 or 3/12	0830-1700	Capstone		7.5	9		
36	3/17 or 3/19	0830-1700	Capstone		7.5	X		
37	3/24 or 3/26	0830-1700	Capstone		7.5	X		
38	3/31 or 4/2	0830-1700	Summative Comprehensive Final Exam/Start of Summative Practical Eval.	2	5.5	X		
39	4/7 or 4/9	0830-1700	Summative Practical Evaluation		7.5	X		
40	4/14 or 4/16	0830-1700	Summative Practical Evaluation		7.5	X		
Total Hours Per Section					45.5	112	130	156
Total Hours Part 2							443.5	

PROGRAM COST

Please note that all fees are subject to change, and the estimated pricing provided does not account for potential fee waivers. The costs outlined below are only an estimate and may vary. Additionally, students are required by clinical sites to obtain or complete specific vaccinations or immunizations as part of the program. The details regarding required vaccinations or immunizations will be discussed during the mandatory information session (orientation). Any fees associated with these requirements are not included in the program cost breakdown, as they may vary based on individual student needs. For the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the total of your program please email the EMS Program Director at mbelcher@forsythtech.edu for further details

Registration Fees	Amount
Course fee Part 1	\$180.00
Course Fee Part 2	\$180.00
CAPS (All SEF and OE sections)	\$5.00
CETFE (All OE sections)	\$5.00
Malpractice Insurance	\$18.00
EMS Testing and Platinum Planner	\$189.00
NAEMT PHTLS Certification	\$15.00
AHA ACLS Certification	\$8.00
AHA PALS Certification	\$8.00
Background and Drug Screen Base Price	\$101.00
Paramedic Textbook (AAOS)	\$240.00
School Uniform Shirt	\$30.00
EMS Pants	\$50.00
EMS Boots	\$50.00
Total Class Fees	\$1069.00

Health & Emergency Services

NAME AS SHOWN ON SOCIAL SECURITY CARD (Please Print)

Last	First	Middle	Maiden	
Street Address or Post Office	City	State	Zip	County
Home Phone #	Work Phone #	Cell #	Social Security #	
E-Mail Address		Ethnicity – Check One or More White, Non-Hispanic (WH) Asian (AS) Black, Non-Hispanic (BL) American Indian/Alaska Native (AN) Hispanic (HIS)		
Gender – Check One M – Male F – Female Date of Birth Are you an Underage Minor (UAA)? (16-17 years old) Yes No Please Note: If yes, minor release form is required		Employment Status – Check One E1 – Employed 1-10 hours UN – Unemployed – Not Seeking E2 – Employed 11-20 hours US – Unemployed – Seeking E3 – Employed 21-39 hours R – Retired E4 – Employed 40 or more hours		

Last High School Attended _____ **Unknown (1756748)** **Last Attend Date** _____
Highest Grade Completed – Scroll Down and Choose One

I hereby give Forsyth Technical Community College and the N.C. Community College System permission to release my attendance records and grades to...

Name of Affiliated Agency: _____

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| Firefighter (Vol Agency) | Firefighter (County/State/Municipal Agency) |
| EMS Responder (Vol Agency) | EMS Responder (County/State/Municipal Agency) |
| Emergency Mgmt. Personnel | Named in EOP (Emergency Operation Plan) |
| Law Enforcement Officer | Telecommunicator/Dispatcher |
| Detention Officer | Sponsored BLET
(Sponsorship Letter Required) |
| DACJJ Certified Officer | NC Criminal Justice's Training & Standards
Commission and/or NC Sheriff's Commission |
| Position Title: _____ | Position Title: _____ |
| NC Dept. of Insurance Fire/Rescue Commission | |
| Position Title: _____ | |

By signing this form, I attest that I am actively affiliated with the Public Safety Agency and hold the job classification listed above.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____