Description of the Profession
Emergency Medical Technicians primarily provide emergency care for patients in an out-of-hospital setting. Duties vary according to the level of training but include performing CPR, patient assessment, airway management, splinting, bandaging, starting IVs, and administration of emergency medications.

Working Conditions
Patient care environment may include working in limited spaces with persons who have AIDS, Hepatitis, and other communicable diseases; exposure to excessive noise, dust, temperature, hazardous weather, and adverse conditions. Physically demanding and emotionally stressful environment that includes exposure to trauma, severe illness, and death. Work schedules usually include rotating twenty-four hour shifts during weekdays, weekends, and holidays.

Employment Opportunities
Ambulance services, fire departments, and private industry as safety and first-aid personnel. A limited number of opportunities are available as educators, administrators, and consultants.

Educational Opportunities
Baccalaureate degree in EMS may be earned after graduation.

Length of Program
EMT Certificate
1 semester /10 semester hours

AEMT Certificate
1 semester /10 semester hours

Occupational Certificate (Paramedic): 2 Years/5 semesters/60 semester hours (includes EMT and AEMT)

Associate in Applied Science: 2 Years/5 semesters/73 semester hours (includes EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic)

Accreditation
Alabama Department of Public Health, Emergency Medical Services Division Committee on Accreditation of Education Programs for the EMS Professional (CoAEMSP), 1248 Harwood Road, Bed ford, TX 76021. (817) 283-9403

Credentials Earned
National Registered EMT’s, AEMT’s, and Paramedics following successful completion of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certification exams. The National Registry examinations are required for licensure in Alabama at both EMT levels.

Curriculum Certificate Programs
EMT BASIC
EMS 118 EMS Basic Theory & Lab 9
EMS 119 EMS Basic Clinical Competences 1

AEMT
EMS 155 Adv. Emergency Medical Tech. 8
EMP 189* Applied A & P for Paramedic 4
OR
BIO 201* Human Anatomy & Physiology I 4

PARAMEDIC
The following courses must be completed prior to enrolling in the final semester of the paramedic program:

ENG 101 English Composition I 3
MTH 100 Inter. College Algebra or higher 3
BIO 202 Human & P II 4

(BIO 202 only required if BIO 201 elected)

1st Semester
EMS 240 Paramedic Operations 2
EMS 241 Paramedic Cardiology 3
EMS 242 Paramedic Patient Assessment 2
EMS 243 Paramedic Pharmacology 1
EMS 244 Paramedic Clinical I 1

2nd Semester
EMS 245 Paramedic Medical Emergencies 3
EMS 246 Paramedic Trauma Management 3
EMS 247 Paramedic Special Populations 2
EMS 248 Paramedic Clinical II 3

3rd Semester
EMS 253 Paramedic Transition to Workforce 2
EMP 254 Adv Competencies for Paramedic 2
EMP 255 Paramedic Field Preceptorship 5
EMP 256 Paramedic Team Leadership 3

Certificate Credit hrs with EMP 189 60
Certificate Credit hrs with BIO 201/202 64

To obtain A.A.S. Degree in Paramedic the following courses must be completed:

Course Cr. Hrs
BIO 201 Human A & P I 4
BIO 202 Human A & P II 4
PSY 200 General Psychology 3
SPH 107 Public Speaking 3
Humanities Elective 3

* AAS Degree Total Credit Hours 73

Priority Application Dates
EMT: April 1-summer; June 15-fall; September 15-spring.
AEMT: April 1-summer; June 15-fall; September 15-spring.
Paramedic: April 1-summer; September 15-spring

Students are admitted on priority deadlines and applications are accepted until class is filled.

Admission Requirements
EMT:
In addition to the general admission requirements for the College, admission to EMT level requires:

1. Health Sciences Information Session Attendance Verification (mandatory). Sign up for a session on the web at www.suscc.edu
2. 2.0 cumulative GPA and be on clear academic status
3. official transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended and high school. Beginning Fall 2014, all new students and transfers will need high school transcript or GED on file.
4. eligibility for English 101 and math 100 and meet the reading requirement of the College.
5. application for the EMT program by deadline.
6. age of 18 years or older within two (2) years of program completion.

AEMT:
Admission to the AEMT level requires
1. completion of 1-6 listed above
2. a current Alabama license as an EMT

PARAMEDIC:
Admission to the Paramedic level requires
1. completion of all requirements for EMT and AEMT
2. current Alabama license as an AEMT.
3. eligibility for English Composition (ENG 101) and Intermediate College Algebra (MTH 100)* or higher, and satisfaction of the College reading requirement.
4. Completion of Anatomy & Physiology (EMP 189 or BIO 201) with a grade of C or higher.
5. official score on the TEAS exam,
6. 2.5 grade point average (gpa) calculated on last 24 hours of coursework.
7. Minimum 2.0 gpa at Southern Union. Transfer students must enter College with minimum 2.0 cumulative gpa.

Registration Requirements
After admission to the program but prior to registration each semester, students are required to complete health records requirements. For a list of requirements, visit the EMT program webpage at www.suscc.edu.

For more information about admission to the program, contact: Melinda Clanton, Health Sciences Admissions • 1701 Lafayette Parkway, Opelika, Alabama 36801 • (334) 745-6437 ext. 5515

For more information, please refer to the College Catalog and Student Handbook or visit the website at www.suscc.edu.