



Catalog Addendum

2024 – 2025

Academics and Academic Policies

Civic Literacy Competency Requirement

In accordance with the State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.02413, Prior to the award of an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree, students initially entering a Florida College System institution in the 2021-22 school year, and thereafter must demonstrate competency in civic literacy through one of the following options prior to graduation:

Course Descriptions

EMS 2600 - Introduction to Paramedics

5 credits

Prerequisites: Admission to Paramedic program.

Corequisites: ~~EMS 2522~~ and EMS 2600L

EMS 2600L - Introduction to Paramedics Lab

1 credit

Prerequisites: Admission to Paramedic program

Corequisites: EMS 2600 and ~~EMS 2522~~

EMS 2601 - Paramedic Theory I

6 credits

Prerequisites: BSC 1085C or BSC 1093C, EMS 2600, EMS 2600L, and ~~EMS 2522~~ all with a grade of "C" or better

Corequisites: EMS 2601L and EMS 2646

EMS 2601L - Paramedic Laboratory I

3 credits

Prerequisites: BSC 1085C or BSC 1093C, EMS 2600, EMS 2600L, and ~~EMS 2522~~ all with a grade of "C" or better

Corequisites: EMS 2601 and EMS 2646

EMS 2646 - Paramedic Clinical Experience



2 credits

Prerequisites: [BSC 1085C](#) or [BSC 1093C](#) , [EMS 2600](#), ~~and [EMS 2520](#)~~ all with a grade of "C" or better

Corequisites: [EMS 2601](#) and [EMS 2601L](#)

HUS 2404 - Working with Alcoholics and Other Drug Abusers



3 credits

~~Prerequisites: ([HUS 1001](#) or [SOW 2031](#)) with a grade of "C" or better~~

HUS 2411 - Introduction to Chemical Dependencies



3 credits

~~Prerequisites: [HUS 1001](#) or [SOW 2031](#) with a grade of "C" or better~~

HUS 2428 - Treatment and Resources in Substance Abuse



3 credits

~~Prerequisites: [HUS 1001](#) or [SOW 2031](#) with a grade of "C" or better~~

Financial Aid and Fees

Other Fees and Charges

Distance Learning Fee (per Credit Hour)	\$15.00 \$17.00
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Graduation Requirements

Baccalaureate Degrees

8. Students must have completed the civic literacy requirement prior to being awarded a bachelor's degree. The civic literacy requirement may be met by achieving a passing score on the Florida Civic Literacy Exam and by successfully passing a civic literacy course. This requirement must be satisfied through the following two criteria prior to graduation:

1. Successfully passing either POS X041 American Government, AMH X010 History of the United States to 1877, or AMH X020 History of the United States Since 1877. Each of these courses must include the following competencies:
 - Understanding of the basic principles and practices of American democracy and how they are applied in our republican form of government;
 - An understanding of the United States Constitution and its application;
 - Knowledge of the founding documents and how they have shaped the nature and functions of our institutions of self-government; and
 - An understanding of landmark Supreme Court cases, landmark legislation, and landmark executive actions and their impact on law and society.

AND

2. Achieving the standard score on one of the following assessments*:
 - AP Government and Politics - United States: 3
 - AP United States History: 4
 - CLEP - American Government: 50
 - CLEP - History of the United States I: 50
 - Florida Civic Literacy Exam: 60%

Programs of Study

Information Technology Support Specialist, CCC

Information Technology Support Specialist Certificate Requirements: 18 Credit Hours

- ~~• CGS 2108 - Computer Applications with Flowcharting 3 credits *~~
- CGS 1100 - Computer Applications for Business 3 credits
- CIS 2321 - Systems Analysis and Design 3 credits
- CNT 1000 - Computer Networking Essentials 3 credits
- CTS 1131 - Computer Hardware 3 credits
- CTS 1133 - Computer Software 3 credits
- Any COP, CGS, CTS, CNT, CIS, CAP, or EET prefix course at the 1000 or 2000 level 3 credits

*CGS 2108 and CGS 1100 are equivalent courses. If a student has not yet taken CGS2108, CGS1100 may be taken instead. Students that have taken CGS1100 will have met the CGS 2180 requirement.

Medical Information Coder/Biller, CCC

Program Application Deadline

~~May 31~~

Applications will be accepted continually throughout the year for a Fall or Spring semester start. (Please see the Official Academic Calendar for Admission Deadlines)

Health Information Technology, AS

Program Application Deadline

~~May 31~~

Applications will be accepted continually throughout the year for a Fall or Spring semester start. (Please see the Official Academic Calendar for Admission Deadlines)

Physical Therapist Assistant, AS

Admission Requirements

Secondary application submitted by September 15

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program admits students once per year and starts each Spring semester. The curriculum includes a combination of classroom, laboratory, and clinical education experiences. The PTA program has limited enrollment due to the rigorous clinical education requirements for the program.

Acceptance to Florida SouthWestern State College does not imply acceptance into the Physical Therapist program. Each applicant must meet specific criteria listed in the admission policies.

Admission to the program is determined by admissions points, academic transcript evaluation, and affective skills demonstration. Admissions points are awarded for the completion of General Education and Program Specific Requirement coursework, all of which must be completed prior to starting the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. Pre-admission requirements include satisfactory completion of the following:

- Students must complete all prerequisites prior to the start into the program.
- Students are responsible for submitting all official transcripts to the College by the deadline.
- College-approved criminal records check and drug testing at the applicant's expense. This includes a background check.
- A minimum Science GPA of 2.75 is required, encompassing Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, Medical Terminology, and General Biology 1 or Microbiology. One Science class may be in progress at time of the application, in which case the Science GPA at the time of application will be calculated based on the other three science classes. Admission may be granted with the condition that the GPA remains at 2.75 or higher upon completion of the fourth Science class.
- A minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.75 to include all General Education (+8 16 credit hours) and Program Specific (14 credit hours) coursework requirements. Three of these courses may be in progress at time of the application, in which case the Cumulative GPA at the time of application the Cumulative GPA will be calculated based on the completed courses. Admission may be granted with the condition that the Cumulative GPA remains at 2.75 or higher upon completion of all of the courses.
- GPA calculation are based on the top score (the highest grade of the duplicated course)
- All **science** courses must be completed with a "C" or higher.

Advanced Medical Assisting, AS

General Education Requirements: 16 Credit Hours

- ENC 1101 - Composition I **3 credits**
- General Education Core Social Sciences (Students required by F.A.C. 6A-10.02413 to demonstrate Civic Literacy should take AMH 2010, AMH 2020, or POS 2041) **3 credits**
- General Education Core Mathematics (**MGF 1130** recommended) **3 credits**
- General Education Core Humanities **3 credits**
- BSC 1085C - Anatomy and Physiology I **4 credits**

Radiologic Technology, AS

Accreditation

The Florida SouthWestern State College Radiologic Technology program is nationally accredited by the:

Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)
20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2850
Chicago, IL, 60606-3182
Telephone: 312-704-5300

<https://www.jrcert.org/>

mail@jrcert.org

The program's current accreditation award is Probation. General program accreditation information and the current accreditation award letter can be found [at https://www.jrcert.org/programs/florida-southwestern-state-college/](https://www.jrcert.org/programs/florida-southwestern-state-college/)

Medical Assisting Specialist, CCC

Program Specific Requirements: 23 Credit Hours

- BSC 1085C - Anatomy and Physiology I **4 credits**
- BSC 1086C - Anatomy and Physiology II **4 credits**
- General Education Core Mathematics (MGF 1130 recommended) **3 credits**
- HSC 1531 - Medical Terminology **3 credits**
- CGS 1100 - Computer Applications for Business **3 credits**
- DEP 2004 - Lifespan Development **3 credits**
- HSA 1020 - Healthcare Delivery **3 credits**

Student Services

Technology Help Desk

Walk-in service is available as follows:

On the **Thomas Edison (Lee) campus** at the Presidio Information Technology Center located in Building G-101:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On the **Charlotte Campus** in Building J-119 and on the **Collier Campus** in Building A-101:

Monday through Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please be aware that you will need to stay while we work on your computer. We cannot repair hardware issues or reinstall operating systems but we can assist with troubleshooting what your issue may be.

Glossary of Terms

Accreditation, Non-Regional or National: Certification that a college meets a set of criteria established by an agency other than one of the six private, nonprofit, voluntary regional accrediting associations. These criteria may not be as rigorous as those of the regional accrediting associations and transfer of credits is not guaranteed.

Accreditation, Programmatic: Programmatic accrediting agencies provide quality assurance for individual degree programs that may be offered within accredited institutions but that require special review because their graduates become licensed practitioners (for example, nursing, medical, culinary programs or law schools).