

Wallace State Community College
Department of EMS Education
Program Information/Application Packet
(PLEASE READ ENTIRE PACKET CAREFULLY)

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the EMS Education Department at Wallace State Community College. Enclosed you will find the information you requested.

The EMS/ Paramedic program accepts a class each Spring Semester. The following information details the admission criteria for the **Associate Degree/ Certificate EMS/Paramedic** program:

1. Unconditional admission to the college – **WSCC application must be submitted to the Office of Admissions by the application deadline.**
2. Receipt of completed application between **November 1 and January 5 for Spring (Paramedic) entry.**
3. A minimum **GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale based on the last 24 credit hours for students *with* previous college coursework. Official transcripts from each college attended must be provided to the Admissions Office by the EMS application deadline.**
4. A minimum cumulative **GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale from high school for students *without* previous college coursework. Official transcripts must be provided to the Office of Admissions by the EMS application deadline (GED accepted).**
5. Student must be eligible for:
 - a. Math 116 as determined by college policy, and
 - b. ENG 101
6. Student must be in good standing with the college.
7. Student must meet the Essential Functions and technical standards required for EMS (www.wallacestate.edu - see Physical Form Essential Functions).
8. A score of 76 or higher on the COMPASS Reading Examination. **Compass scores must be within the past three (3) years for consideration. If a student has taken the ACT within the past (3) three years, the ACT Reading score can be used to derive the related COMPASS score. Call the WSCC Testing Center at 256.352.8046 to arrange the COMPASS Reading exam.**
9. Has read and agreed to EMS specific policies.
10. Possess current CPR Healthcare provider certification or enroll in EMS 100.
11. Schedule an appointment with the program director.

Admission to the Paramedic Program is competitive; the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. **MEETING MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE.** Admission to the program is influenced by previous college courses completed, college GPA, and COMPASS scores.

Unless previously completed, ENG 101, MTH 116 must be completed prior to the fourth semester of Paramedic with a C or better. Humanities must be completed with a C or better prior to attempting the National Registry of EMT's Paramedic exam.

BASIC EMT ENTRY INFORMATION

The EMT Basic Program accepts a class in the Fall and Spring Semester each year. The following information details the admission requirements for the EMT Basic program:

1. Unconditional admission to the college – WSCC application must be submitted to the **Office of Admissions by the application deadline.**
2. Receipt of completed EMS application between **April 1 and August 1 for *Fall* entry and September 1 and December 1 for *Spring* entry.**
3. Student must be in good standing with the college.
4. Student must meet the essential functions and technical standards required for EMS (www.wallacestate.edu - see Physical Form Essential Functions).
5. A score of 76 or higher on the COMPASS Reading Examination. **Compass scores must be within the past three (3) years for consideration. If a student has taken the ACT within the past three (3) years, the ACT Reading score can be used to derive the related COMPASS score. Please call the WSCC Testing Center at 256.352.8046 to arrange the COMPASS Reading exam.**
6. Has read and agreed to EMS specific policies.
7. Possess current CPR Healthcare provider certification or enroll in EMS 100.
8. Schedule an appointment with the program director.

Admission to the EMT Basic Program is competitive; the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. **MEETING MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE.**

We have enclosed an anticipated expense sheet to give you an idea of estimated expenses that will be incurred during the EMS program. These are only estimates; expenses may vary from semester to semester. **Please read all information carefully.**

If you need further assistance, you may call Wallace State at (256) 352-8000 or the Advising Center (256) 352-8040. Thank you for your interest in the EMS program at Wallace State Community College.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ivey
Director of EMS Education.

**WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF EMS EDUCATION
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES FOR COMPLETION OF DEGREE**

The following is a list of expenses that can be expected throughout the EMS program. The one-time only expenses **are not** all due at the beginning of the program. Keep in mind that these **expenses are estimates only** and may vary (i.e., physical exam, immunizations, transportation costs, etc.).

	<u>PARAMEDIC</u>	<u>BASIC</u>
<u>ONE TIME ONLY EXPENSES</u>		
Physical exam (Yearly)	75.00	75.00
Immunizations	250.00	250.00
Background Check	69.00	69.00
Uniforms	120.00	120.00
Equipment (stethoscope, etc.)	75.00	75.00
Graduation fee	60.00	60.00
National Registry of EMT's Exam	110.00	70.00
State Board and Licensing fee	10.00	10.00
<u>EXPENSES PER SEMESTER</u>		
Drug Testing Fee (Per semester)	13.25	13.25
Tuition	1,350.00±	1,350.00±
Books	600.00 ±	600.00 ±
Malpractice Insurance	32.50	32.50
Clinical expenses (transportation, parking, meals, etc.)	varied	varied
Insurance (liability & accident)	11.50	11.50
Insurance (Major Medical)	Student responsible for individual purchase	

NOTES REGARDING PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

A physical exam is required upon acceptance into the EMS program. A qualified health care provider (physician or certified nurse practitioner) must perform the physical examination and record his/her findings on the official physical form. **The physical must be performed after August 1 of the year in which you are accepted into the FALL EMS program and is due no later than September 1; the physical must be performed after December 1 of the year in which you are accepted into the SPRING EMT Basic program and is due no later than January 8. The physical for the Paramedic Program must be performed after January 1 of the year in which you are accepted and is due no later than May 15.** Any sections not completed will result in the physical exam being rejected and may result in delay of progression in the program. **Appropriate signatures, address and phone number of the health care provider must be on the form.** Authenticity of the form may be verified by the Department of EMS Education. Other forms (i.e., company physical or health screenings) are **NOT** accepted in lieu of the Department of EMS Education form.

Immunization history must be complete and accurate. Simply stating that you had measles, mumps, etc. “during childhood” is not adequate. Physician’s documentation, i.e. lab report, of immunization/titer is required.

TB Test Mantoux type skin test with date and results. The Tine TB test is **NOT ACCEPTABLE. If you have had a TB skin test within the past year, you ARE NOT required to complete a two-step TB test; a single TB skin test is sufficient. (You must provide documentation of the TB skin test taken within the last year.)**

Chest X-ray Only required as a follow-up to a positive skin test, or in lieu of a skin test for TB for those who have had an allergic reaction to the test in the past. **(Provide written documentation of X-ray results; not the actual X-ray.)**

Measles (Rubeola) If documentation of vaccination is not available, an IGG/IGM titer (blood test) verifying proof of immunity is required. An alternative to the titer is another vaccination. Documentation of the vaccination or titer exhibiting immunity is required.

Rubella Proof of immunization or titer is required as above.

Mumps Proof of immunization or titer is required as above.

Chickenpox Proof of immunization or titer is required as above.

Tetanus Proof of immunization within the last 10 years.

Hepatitis B The three-part series for Hepatitis B immunization is strongly encouraged. In the absence of the series, students must sign a waiver acknowledging the risks of exposure to hepatitis. Some clinical agencies may require the series, thus limiting clinical options for students who choose to waive the immunization. Proof of a positive Hepatitis B titer (specifically the antibody to the Hepatitis B surface antigen) may be substituted in lieu of the Hepatitis B vaccine.

NOTE: Pregnant or lactating females or students with chronic illnesses, which may make the immunizations ill-advised, must have supporting documentation by the approved health-care provider. Pregnant/lactating females should provide anticipated date when eligible to receive the vaccinations.

Health-care providers (including students) who are positive for HIV or Hepatitis must submit a statement to the State Department of Public Health in Montgomery, and abide by their guidelines regarding direct patient contact. See Student Handbook for complete information about the Infected Health Care Worker Act.

**WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF EMS EDUCATION
FIVE SEMESTER COURSE COMPLETION OUTLINE**

ASSOCIATE DEGREE EMS

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
<u>FIRST SEMESTER</u>			
Eng 101	3	_____	_____
MTH 116	3	_____	_____
EMS 116 Basic EMS Didactic	9	_____	_____
EMS 117 EMT Basic Clinical	1	_____	_____
ORI 101** Orientation to College	<u>1</u>	_____	_____
	17		
<u>SECOND SEMESTER</u>			
EMP 189 A&P for the Paramedic	4	_____	_____
EMP 191 Paramedic Prep	2	_____	_____
EMP 192 Operations	3	_____	_____
EMP 193 Pt Assessment	3	_____	_____
EMP 194 Paramedic Gen Pharm	2	_____	_____
Hist, Soc., or Behavioral	<u>3</u>	_____	_____
	17		
<u>THIRD SEMESTER</u>			
EMP 196 Trauma Mgt	3	_____	_____
EMP 197 Paramedic Clinical I	3	_____	_____
EMP 199 Cardio. Electro	3	_____	_____
BIO 103	<u>4</u>	_____	_____
	13		
<u>FOURTH SEMESTER</u>			
EMP 198 Med. Emer I	3	_____	_____
ARTS/HUM Elective _____	3	_____	_____
EMP 201 Paramedic Clinical II	3	_____	_____
EMP 202 Med. Emerg. II	3	_____	_____
EMP 203 Cardio. Pt Mgt	<u>3</u>	_____	_____
	15		
<u>FIFTH SEMESTER</u>			
EMP 204 Transition	3	_____	_____
EMP 205 Paramedic Compe.	2	_____	_____
EMP 206 Paramedic Field	6	_____	_____
EMP 207 Team Leader	1	_____	_____
CIS 146 Comp Applications	<u>3</u>	_____	_____
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****Orientation to college is a college requirement; not an EMS requirement. You are exempt from orientation if you are a transfer student with a minimum of 12 semester hours of college credit coursework OR if you were enrolled in Wallace State Community College prior to Fall 2004.**

This program may vary based on availability of classes and may change without notice.

**WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF EMS EDUCATION**

Paramedic Certificate

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
<u>FIRST SEMESTER</u>			
Eng 101	3	_____	_____
MTH 116	3	_____	_____
EMS 116 Basic EMS Didactic	9	_____	_____
EMS 117 EMT Basic Clinical	1	_____	_____
ORI 101** Orientation to College	<u>1</u>	_____	_____
	17		
<u>SECOND SEMESTER</u>			
EMP 189 A&P for the Paramedic	4	_____	_____
EMP 191 Paramedic Prep	2	_____	_____
EMP 192 Operations	3	_____	_____
EMP 193 Pt Assessment	3	_____	_____
EMP 194 Paramedic Gen Pharm	<u>2</u>	_____	_____
	14		
<u>THIRD SEMESTER</u>			
EMP 196 Trauma Mgt	3	_____	_____
EMP 197 Paramedic Clinical I	3	_____	_____
EMP 199 Cardio. Electro	<u>3</u>	_____	_____
	9		
<u>FOURTH SEMESTER</u>			
EMP 198 Med. Emer I	3	_____	_____
ARTS/HUM Elective	<u>3</u>	_____	_____
EMP 201 Paramedic Clinical II	3	_____	_____
EMP 202 Med. Emerg. II	3	_____	_____
EMP 203 Cardio. Pt Mgt	<u>3</u>	_____	_____
	15		
<u>FIFTH SEMESTER</u>			
EMP 204 Transition	3	_____	_____
EMP 205 Paramedic Compe.	2	_____	_____
EMP 206 Paramedic Field	6	_____	_____
EMP 207 Team Leader	<u>1</u>	_____	_____
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**WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF EMS EDUCATION
EMT Basic**

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
<u>FIRST SEMESTER</u>			
EMS 116 Basic EMS Didactic	9	_____	_____
EMS 117 EMT Basic Clinical	1	_____	_____
ORI 101** Orientation to College	1	_____	_____

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****Orientation to college is a college requirement; not an EMS requirement. You are exempt from orientation if you are a transfer student with a minimum of 12 semester hours of college work OR if you were enrolled in Wallace State Community College before Fall 2004.**

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Department of EMS Education Program Application Checklist

(This checklist is provided to assist you with the application process, please keep for your records.)

YOU SHOULD RETAIN COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED. You will be notified in August of your status for Fall admission; and in December for Spring admission. No information will be given over the telephone. PLEASE do not call Admissions or the EMS Department for information.

PRIOR TO PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE, THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETE:

SUBMIT TO ADMISSIONS OFFICE

- _____ **WSCC application** (by the program application deadline)
- _____ **Official transcript** from each college previously attended (by the program application deadline)
- _____ **Proof of High School graduation (official transcript) or GED. (Official transcript must be provided if high school courses are to be considered for program admission.)**

SUBMIT TO DEPARTMENT OF EMS EDUCATION

- _____ *Program Application (specific to EMS)
- _____ **Upon acceptance** into any Health Program at WSCC-Hanceville, students will be required to submit to drug testing and a background check. Guidelines for Health Profession Students are available for viewing online at www.wallacestate.edu.
- _____ **Upon acceptance** into any Health Program at WSCC-Hanceville, students will be required to furnish proof of major medical health insurance coverage.

Must be submitted in person or by mail. When mailing your application, to ensure receipt, please send completed packet by certified mail. Due to the high number of applications, it is department policy that the receipt of an application will not be confirmed. Applications are **NOT ACCEPTED by FAX or E-mail.*

For Applicants Information:

The Alabama department of Health will require that you answer the following questions when you apply for licensure at the conclusion of your program of study. **Eligibility to take the the NREMT Basic or Paramedic Examination is the decision of the NREMT; graduation from an accredited school such as WSCC does not ensure eligibility.**

- Do you meet the EMT essential functions relating to the physical, mental, and emotional requirements for licensure under current State EMS Rules?
- Have you ever been convicted of any criminal act, including any DUI convictions? (Do not include minor traffic violations.)
- Have you ever had any type of professional license revoked, suspended, or surrendered?
- Have you ever been addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors or controlled substances?
- Do you have any physical or medical limitations or abnormalities such as, epilepsy, or diabetes?
- Is your eyesight impaired in any manner?
- If yes, is it corrected?

A “yes” answer will not necessarily prevent you from eligibility but will require clarification from the Alabama Department of Public Health- Office of EMS and Trauma

**WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
THE ALABAMA COLLEGE SYSTEM
EMS PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Date: _____
 Program Applying For: _____ Basic EMT _____ Paramedic Program
 _____ Re-Entry Course(s) needed: _____

I. PERSONAL DATA

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____ Maiden: _____

Social Security Number: _____ WSCC Student Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Contact: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

II. EDUCATION

High School Graduation/ GED Year: _____ High School Name: _____

Are you currently taking college courses? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what college: _____

List all colleges attended and the year (s) attended:

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY BEEN ADMITTED TO AN EMS PROGRAM? Y N
If YES, list college, dates attended, and reason for withdrawal. You must also attach a copy of your transcript for clarification of eligibility:

Do you hold a current *Alabama EMT Basic license*? Yes _____ (provide copy) No _____

Have you taken the *Compass Test*? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, date tested: _____

Score: _____ Reading _____ Composition _____ Math _____

NOTE: Score must be achieved within 3 years of application deadline to satisfy eligibility requirement.

Your name, as listed when tested: _____

III. Complete this section only if you are applying for the Paramedic Program

At .what Institution did you complete EMT Basic? _____

Was your EMT Basic class: _____ Non-Credit _____ College Credit

Are you currently Nationally Registered? Y N

Do you currently have an Alabama Basic EMT/Intermediate License? Y N

Are You Currently Employed? Y N

Length of Service in the prehospital setting: _____

Place of Service: _____

Service Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Service Phone Number: (____) _____ Name of Supervisor: _____

Are You Employed Full-Time ____ Part-Time ____ Initial Date of Employment: _____

Are you financially compensated for prehospital services provided? Y N

Wallace State EMS Education Program

Application Packet Statement (return with application)

Upon acceptance all health science division students are required to have drug screenings and background check. Drug Policy and Background Check Policy are available for viewing in the college catalog and online at www.wallacestate.edu. Once you have accessed the web page please follow these prompts:

Programs → Health Division

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY

I certify that I have received notification of the Wallace State Community College's Background Check Policy and Guidelines. I have read and understand the requirements of the policy and guidelines, and that I am responsible for all cost incurred to obtain the background check (\$69 minimum). I further understand that I will not be refunded tuition once the Drop/Add date has passed.

Date

Student's Signature

Student Number

Student's Name Printed

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature
(If student is a minor)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF REVISED DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY

I certify that I have received notification of the Wallace State Community College's Drug Testing Policy and Guidelines. I have read and understand the requirements of the policy and guidelines.

Date

Student's Signature

Student Number

Student's Name Printed

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Signature
(If student is a minor)

Wallace State EMS Education Program

Application Packet Statement (return with application)

Attendance

Class attendance is required. ADPH/ EMS Rules and Regulations Appendix C-8 require students attend all class sessions, labs and scheduled rotations. To be in compliance the student must adhere to following set of rules:

Spring and Fall Semesters: More than 5 absences will prohibit a student from successfully completing any EMS/EMP course **(student will fail)**

Summer Semester: More than 3 absences will prohibit a student from successfully completing any EMS/EMP course **(student will fail)**

Tardiness/Leave early

Tardiness/Leaving early is disruptive and disrespectful to all concerned. As such, the following is effective for the EMS program.

Tardiness is defined as arriving after the scheduled beginning of the class. Leaving early is defined as leaving the class prior to instructor dismissal. Students who are tardy/leave early **12** times during the semester (a tardy/leave early will count as a half absence) will prohibit a student from successfully completing any EMS/EMP course **(student will fail)**.

Student Signature

Policy Change Acknowledgement as of October 2005

Wallace State EMS Education Program

Application Packet Statement (return with application)

Uniform Policy

The purpose of the dress code is to promote a professional appearance.

- The student will be clean, bathed, and without odor.
- The student's clothing will be clean, neat, and pressed.
- The student will wear the appropriate color (*EMT-Basic* = *tan*, *Paramedic* = *navy*) "golf" type shirt with the WSCC EMS embroidered logo. No emblems or pins are to be on the shirt.
- The student will wear black or navy blue pants at prehospital sites and tan or khaki trousers or scrubs at hospital sites. Jeans are unacceptable.
- The student will wear solid black shoes or boots at prehospital sites. The student will wear solid black, brown or white shoes at hospital sites. High heel shoes, and open-toed shoes will not be allowed. All footwear will be clean and shined.
- Student will wear socks or hose.
- No company uniform may be worn.
- Hair must be clean, neat, and well groomed. Long hair will be secured off the collar at all times.
- Beards and moustaches must be neat, clean, trimmed, and well groomed.
- Students are encouraged to use only moderate amounts of make-up.
- Students are allowed to wear one small stud earring in each earlobe.
- Tattoos must be concealed while in uniform.

Once the date for the uniform policy has been implemented, any student in violation will be asked to leave class. A student may return to the class once they are in full uniform. This directly relates to the attendance policy. If a student is asked to leave the classroom due to uniform policy violation, a "leave early" situation exists and a half absence will be noted. The violation will also be noted in the affective domain of the grading policy.

Signature

Clinical policy revision November 2005

I understand that completion of this application is a component of the student profile and does not in itself grant admission to the EMS program. I understand this application must be updated if I am not selected. I certify that the information given in this application is true and correct. I understand that providing false information may be deemed sufficient reason to dismiss the student and/or refuse admission.

Minimum admission standards for **Paramedic** include:

- Unconditional admission to the college.
- Receipt of completed application for the EMS program(s) in the EMS Office.
- Minimum of 2.5 GPA based on the last 24 credit hours for students with previous college work.
- Minimum of 2.5 high school GPA for students without prior college work (GED acceptable).
- Eligibility for English 101 and Math 116 (Higher level math accepted).
- Good standing with college.
- Meeting the essential functions or technical standards required for prehospital providers.
- A score of 76 or higher on the COMPASS Reading Examination (or related ACT Reading Score of 17 or higher) NOTE: Score must be obtained within the past three years.

Minimum admission standards for **Basic EMT** include:

- Unconditional admission to the college.
- Receipt of completed application for the EMS program(s) in the EMS Office.
- Good standing with college.
- Meeting the essential functions or technical standards required for prehospital providers.
- A score of 76 or higher on the COMPASS Reading Examination (or related ACT Reading Score of 17 or higher) NOTE: Score must be obtained within the past three years.

Admission to the EMS program is competitive, and the number of students is limited by the number of faculty and clinical facilities available. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Date received: _____ **Initials:** _____

Please return this application to:
*(Submit by Registered Mail for
delivery confirmation)*

**Wallace State Community College
Department of EMS Education (#98)
P. O. Box 2000
Hanceville, AL 35077-2000**

**THE ALABAMA COLLEGE SYSTEM
EMS PROGRAMS
ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

The Alabama College System endorses the Americans' with Disabilities Act. In accordance with College policy, when requested, reasonable accommodations may be provided for individuals with disabilities.

Physical, cognitive, psychomotor, affective and social abilities are required in unique combinations to provide safe and effective patient care. The applicant/student must be able to meet the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations throughout the program of learning. Admission, progression and graduation are contingent upon one's ability to demonstrate the essential functions delineated for the EMS program with or without reasonable accommodations. The EMS program and/or its affiliated clinical agencies may identify additional essential functions. The EMS program reserve the right to amend the essential functions as deemed necessary.

In order to be admitted and to progress in the EMS program one must possess a functional level of ability to perform the duties required of an EMT/ Paramedic. Admission or progression may be denied if a student is unable to demonstrate the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations.

The essential functions delineated are those deemed necessary the Alabama College System EMS programs. No representation regarding industrial standards is implied. Similarly, any reasonable accommodations made will be determined and applied to the respective EMS programs and may vary from reasonable accommodations made by healthcare employers.

The essential functions delineated below are necessary for EMS program admission, progression and graduation and for the provision of safe and effective patient care. The essential functions include but are not limited to the ability to:

1) Sensory Perception

a) Visual

- i) Observe and discern subtle changes in physical conditions and the environment
- ii) Visualize different color spectrums and color changes
- iii) Read fine print in varying levels of light
- iv) Read for prolonged periods of time
- v) Read cursive writing
- vi) Read at varying distances

- vii) Read data/information displayed on monitors/equipment
- b) Auditory
 - i) Interpret monitoring devices
 - ii) Distinguish muffled sounds heard through a stethoscope
 - iii) Hear and discriminate high and low frequency sounds produced by the body and the environment
 - iv) Effectively hear to communicate with others
- c) Tactile
 - i) Discern tremors, vibrations, pulses, textures, temperature, shapes, size, location and other physical characteristics
- d) Olfactory
 - i) Detect body odors and odors in the environment
- 2) Communication/ Interpersonal Relationships
 - a) Verbally and in writing, engage in a two-way communication and interact effectively with others, from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds
 - b) Work effectively in groups
 - c) Work effectively independently
 - d) Discern and interpret nonverbal communication
 - e) Express one's ideas and feelings clearly
 - f) Communicate with others accurately in a timely manner
 - g) Obtain communications from a computer
- 3) Cognitive/Critical Thinking
 - a) Effectively read, write and comprehend the English language
 - b) Consistently and dependably engage in the process of critical thinking in order to formulate and implement safe and ethical patient care decisions in a variety of health care settings
 - c) Demonstrate satisfactory performance on written examinations including mathematical computations without a calculator

d) Satisfactorily achieve the program objectives

Motor Function

- h) Handle small delicate equipment/objects without extraneous movement, contamination or destruction
- i) Move, position, turn, transfer, assist with lifting or lift and carry clients without injury to clients, self or others
- j) Maintain balance from any position
- k) Stand on both legs
- l) Coordinate hand/eye movements
- m) Push/pull heavy objects without injury to client, self or others
- n) Stand, bend, walk and/or sit for 6-12 hours in a clinical setting performing physical activities requiring energy without jeopardizing the safety of the client, self or others
- o) Walk without a cane, walker or crutches
- p) Function with hands free for patient care and transporting items
- q) Transport self and client without the use of electrical devices
- r) Flex, abduct and rotate all joints freely
- s) Respond rapidly to emergency situations
- t) Maneuver in small areas
- u) Perform daily care functions for the client
- v) Coordinate fine and gross motor hand movements to provide safe effective patient care
- w) Calibrate/use equipment
- x) Execute movement required to provide patient care in all health care settings
- y) Perform CPR and physical assessment
- z) Operate a computer

3) Professional Behavior

- a) Convey caring, respect, sensitivity, tact, compassion, empathy, tolerance and a healthy attitude toward others
- b) Demonstrate a mentally healthy attitude that is age appropriate in relationship to the client
- c) Handle multiple tasks concurrently
- d) Perform safe, effective patient care for clients in a caring context
- e) Understand and follow the policies and procedures of the College and clinical agencies
- f) Understand the consequences of violating the student code of conduct
- g) Understand that posing a direct threat to others is unacceptable and subjects one to discipline
- h) Meet qualifications for licensure by examination as stipulated by the Alabama Department of Public Office of EMS and Trauma
- i) Not to pose a threat to self or others
- j) Function effectively in situations of uncertainty and stress inherent in providing patient care
- k) Adapt to changing environments and situations
- l) Remain free of chemical dependency
- m) Report promptly to clinicals and remain for 6-12 hours on the clinical unit
- n) Provide patient care in an appropriate time frame
- o) Accepts responsibility, accountability, and ownership of one's actions
- p) Seek supervision/consultation in a timely manner
- q) Examine and modify one's own behavior when it interferes with patient care or learning

Upon admission, an individual who discloses a disability can request reasonable accommodations. Individuals will be asked to provide documentation of the disability in order to assist with the provision of appropriate reasonable accommodations. The respective College will provide reasonable accommodations but is not required to substantially alter the requirements or nature of the program or provide accommodations that inflict an undue burden on the respective

College. In order to be admitted one must be able to perform all of the essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations. If an individual's health changes during the program of learning, so that the essential functions cannot be met with or without reasonable accommodations, the student will be withdrawn from the EMS program. The EMS faculty reserves the right at any time to require an additional medical examination at the student's expense in order to assist with the evaluation of the student's ability to perform the essential functions.

Requests for reasonable accommodations should be directed to: Lisa Harris, Director of Special Populations. Ms. Harris can be reached at 256.352.8052 or lisa.harris@wallacestate.edu.

Rev. 09/30/09