

**ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**  
Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
Zoom  
Thursday, February 16, 2023  
2:00 p.m.

Academic Committee  
Dr. Jerry Cash, Chair  
Graycen Bigger

Dr. Jim Carr  
Andy McNeill  
Greg Revels, Ex Officio

**AGENDA**

- \*1. Technical Certificate in Paramedic Science by Arkansas State University Mid-South  
(Mr. Mason Campbell)

**ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
Department of Higher Education  
Thursday, February 16, 2023

**AGENDA**

- \*2. Report of the Academic Committee

Agenda Item No. 1  
Higher Education Coordinating Board  
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**TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN PARAMEDIC SCIENCE  
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH**

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**ADHE Executive Staff Recommendation**

**RESOLVED**, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Technical Certificate in Paramedic Science (CIP 51.0904) at Arkansas State University Mid-South, effective July 2023.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University Mid-South of the approval.

**Program Justification**

The Technical Certificate in Paramedic Science at ASU Mid-South will build upon its existing certificate programs in Basic and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician to provide students with a career pathway in the field of Emergency Medical Services. The proposed program requires 43 credit hours of coursework that can be completed over the course of a year, providing students with the opportunity to quickly earn highly sought skills and credentials that can lead to gainful employment in the EMS sector.

The proposed curriculum requires completion of seven (7) new courses, with a new cohort enrolling each fall semester and completing each summer. ASU Mid-South is well positioned to support Paramedic Science programming, as its lead faculty for EMT has experience in developing and directing paramedic programming at other institutions in the Mid-South region.

Aside from the one additional faculty member, the College will utilize existing classroom space, equipment, and other resources already used in its EMT and AEMT certificate programs.

**Arkansas Institutions Offering Similar Programs**

Arkansas State University Jonesboro  
 Arkansas Tech University  
 University of Arkansas Monticello  
 Arkansas Northeastern College  
 Arkansas State University Beebe  
 Arkansas State University Mountain Home  
 Black River Technical College  
 East Arkansas Community College  
 North Arkansas College  
 National Park College  
 Northwest Arkansas Community College  
 South Arkansas Community College  
 Southeast Arkansas College  
 University of Arkansas Community College Batesville  
 University of Arkansas Community College Hope-Texarkana  
 University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College

Projected Annual Enrollment – 20

Projected Graduates by Summer 2026 – 51

**Program Requirements**

PARA 1103 Paramedic Practicum I  
 PARA 1113 Paramedic I  
 PARA 1203 Paramedic Practicum II  
 PARA 1213 Paramedic II  
 PARA 2103 Paramedic Practicum III  
 PARA 2105 Paramedic III  
 PARA 2203 Paramedic Practicum IV