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## What is a paramedic?

A paramedic is a licensed pre-hospital health care professional who is capable of providing Basic and Advanced Life Support at the scene of an emergency event and en route to the hospital. The paramedic is licensed by the State of Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board.

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## What duties does a paramedic perform?

Paramedics perform such duties as:

- CPR
- Automatic external defibrillation or manual defibrillation
- Emergency cardiac therapy
- Bandaging or splinting
- Double lumen airway intubation, endotracheal intubation, naso-tracheal intubation, figital intubation, rapid sequence intubation, or trans-luminal intubation
- Crico-thyrotomy
- Intravenous therapy
- Medication administration
- Recognize and treat victims of a traumatic or medical emergency
- Assist with emergency childbirth
- Urinary catheterization
- Operate emergency vehicles
- Supervise

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## Where does a paramedic work?

- A paramedic may work in:
- Emergency medical service operations
  - Fire departments
  - Law enforcement departments
  - Governmental agencies
  - Hospitals
  - Physician's office
  - Industry

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## What is the income potential for a paramedic?

Income varies depending on the type of EMS Service. The median income for the Memphis Metropolitan area is \$40,000.

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## What will the paramedic Technical Certificate allow me to do?

Earn a Technical Certificate of paramedic and enter the job market immediately or transfer credits to a college that offers an Associate Degree in Emergency Medical Technology.

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## What is Southwest's employment rate for graduates of the paramedic program?

Southwest's employment rate for paramedics generally exceeds 95% each year.





## Q Why choose the paramedic Technical Certificate at Southwest?

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- Fully accredited programs by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
  - Small classes for more personalized attention
  - Flexible class schedules available at multiple campuses, centers, sites; and distance learning opportunities
  - Affordable tuition
  - Support services, including career counseling, free tutoring and career services, financial aid, job opportunity assistance and on-site child care services

Emergency Medical Technology  
(901) 333-5400  
[www.southwest.tn.edu](http://www.southwest.tn.edu)

## Q How do I apply for admission to Southwest?

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- Complete application for Southwest.
  - Submit your application and pay \$5 application fee to Bursar's Office.
  - Request that an "official" copy of your high school/GED scores, college transcript(s) be sent to:  
Southwest Tennessee Community College  
P.O. Box 780, Memphis, TN 38101-0780
  - Apply for financial aid (if applicable).
  - Complete testing requirements.
  - Complete new student orientation, either online or on campus.
  - Review the College's academic calendar or printed schedule of classes for registration dates, times and locations.
  - Meet with academic advisor.
  - Register for classes online, via TRAVIS or in person.
  - Pay your fees or ensure that your financial aid is in place for your course.

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