

SWOSU Allied Health Sciences Now Offering EMS Classes

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Two courses affording individuals the opportunity to become certified as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals is now being offered by the Allied Health Sciences Division at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Both courses are approved by the state of Oklahoma and provide training in pre-hospital emergency medical care, according to Marion Prichard, coordinator of the Allied Health Sciences Division. Both courses have a limit of 16 students.

The courses provide training for the first two levels of the emergency medical services system which includes 1) Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics.

ALHLT 2045 Emergency Medical Services I and Lab is scheduled for 15 hours each week for the first eight weeks of the semester including lecture on T/TH from 5-10 p.m. and lab on M from 5-10 or W 5-10. Students who successfully complete the course may take the state exam for state certification or the national exam for national registration as an EMR. (Emergency Medical Responder)

ALHLT Emergency Medical Services II and Lab meets the 2nd eight weeks of the semester at the same time frame as the first eight weeks course plus clinical hours. Students must have successfully completed EMS I to be able to enroll in EMS II. Students who successfully complete both courses are eligible to take the national registry exam and become licensed at the state level as an EMT. (Emergency Medical Technician)

SWOSU students may also use the 10 credit hours earned by completion of EMS I and II toward the newly developed 19-hour EMS minor offered by Allied Health Sciences.

SWOSU courses are instructed by Beth Flowers, EMT-P. Flowers has several years of experience as an EMT and is the wife of Weatherford's Police Chief Louis Flowers. Dr. Blake Badgett serves as medical director.

For questions about the courses contact Prichard Coordinator at 580.774.3079 or marion.prichard@swosu.edu.