Program Entry Requirements
For students with prior certifications

For all students:

• All EMS courses are taught exclusively at the Medical Education Campus.
• Mandatory attendance at the EMS program information session prior to course registration. The information sessions are generally held the first Wednesday of each month, 5:30 pm, room 174 of the Medical Education Campus in Springfield. You can find directions to our campus at www.nvcc.edu/medical. No RSVP is necessary.
• All EMS certifications must be current at beginning of course, and must be maintained throughout enrollment. Virginia reciprocity must be achieved prior to course start. Contact Virginia Office of EMS at 1-800-523-6019, or www.vdh.state.va.us/oems for reciprocity information.

EMT-Basic to Advanced Life Support:
For students age 18 or older:

• Upon program placement and completion of any NVCC course, students with prior EMT-Basic certification will receive 7 credits, under Advanced Standing policies.
• NAS 150, Human Biology (ALS program mandatory prerequisite), or equivalent course – available as regular session, or on-line, via the Extended Learning Institute.

For students less than age 18, by first day of class:

Students entering with current EMT-Basic certification must be 18 to be program-placed into the NVCC EMS program. However, there are several courses that students may take prior to turning 18, while waiting for program entry. Many are available on-line through the Extended Learning Institute. These are:

• NAS 150, Human Biology (ALS program mandatory prerequisite), or equivalent course.
• HLT 250, Pharmacology
• EMS 211, Operations
• HIT 130, Healthcare Information Systems, or any 3-credit IST course
• Humanities elective, 3 credits. Suggested: PHI 227, Bio-Medical Ethics or SPA 163, Spanish for Healthcare Professionals.
• Social Science electives: 6 credits total. May be selected from anthropology, economics, history, political science, psychology, or sociology.
• If students are current high school students, they must complete NVCC Dual Enrollment procedure.
• Upon program placement and completion of any NVCC course, students with prior EMT-Basic certification will receive 7 credits, under Advanced Standing policies.

EMT-Enhanced to Intermediate:

• Successful completion of NAS 150, Human Biology, or equivalent course, with final grade of “C” or better. This is a mandatory pre-requisite course for entering any ALS level at NVCC.
EMT-Enhanced, continued:

- Successful completion of “Advanced Life Support Eligibility” exam, with grade of 70% or better. Exam will be available in the Testing Center, room 344, of the Medical Education Campus, after July 1, 2006.
- Submission of all documentation from EMT-Enhanced course, including skills, clinical and internship documentation.
- Students are strongly encouraged to take HLT 250, General Pharmacology, prior to advancement to EMT-Intermediate. If not taken as a prerequisite, students are encouraged to take the course as soon as possible upon beginning EMT-Intermediate courses. HLT 250 is offered in regular session or as hybrid course through the Extended Learning Institute.
- Students will enter into third semester of NVCC AAS degree program, and will be eligible for NREMT-Intermediate testing at the end of third semester, presuming successful completion of all requirements.
- Upon program placement and completion of first semester NVCC EMS courses, students with prior EMT-Enhanced certification will receive approximately 17 credits, under Advanced Standing policies.

EMT-Intermediate to Paramedic:

- Successful completion of NAS 150, Human Biology, or equivalent course, with final grade of “C” or better. This is a mandatory pre-requisite course for entering any ALS level at NVCC.
- Successful completion of “Paramedic Eligibility” exam, with grade of 70% or better. Exam will be available in the Testing Center, room 344, of the Medical Education Campus, after July 1, 2006.
- Submission of all documentation from EMT-Intermediate course, including skills, clinical and internship documentation.
- Students are strongly encouraged to take HLT 250, General Pharmacology, prior to advancement to EMT-Paramedic. If not taken as a prerequisite, students are encouraged to take the course as soon as possible upon beginning EMT-Intermediate courses. HLT 250 is offered in regular session or as hybrid course through the Extended Learning Institute.
- Students will enter into fourth semester of NVCC AAS degree program, and will be eligible for NREMT-Paramedic testing at the end of fifth semester, presuming successful completion of all requirements.
- Upon program placement and completion of first semester NVCC EMS courses, students with prior EMT-Intermediate certification will receive approximately 30 credits, under Advanced Standing policies.
- An Intermediate to Paramedic fast-track will be available for full-time career Fire, Rescue and Police personnel only. Please see EMS program director for further information.

EMT-Paramedic to AAS degree completion:

- Upon program placements and completion of first semester NVCC courses, students with prior EMT-Paramedic certification will receive approximately 40 credits, under Advanced Standing policies. For residency requirements, no less than 17 credits must be taken at NVCC, not including transfer or Advanced Standing credits.
- Remaining requirements:
  - May be taken in any order, other than prerequisite stated below.
  - Completion of General Education requirements, including English, Student Development, Social Science, Humanities, and Computer courses.
  - NAS 150 Human Biology, or equivalent course (4 credits of college-level human anatomy & physiology).
  - HLT 250, General Pharmacology
EMT-Paramedic, continued:

- EMS 205, Advanced Pathophysiology (NAS 150 or equivalent is pre-requisite)
- EMS 201, EMS Professional Development
- EMS 216, Paramedic Review. Degree candidates must register and pay for course, and volunteer as evaluators for one day of this two-day mock NREMT-P exam for current students.
- Degree candidates must regularly check with program director for program updates.
- Process must be completed within 7 years of onset.