

Southeast Tech
Associate of Applied Science in Paramedic Science
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose:

To provide the School Board with an overview of the proposed Associate of Applied Science in Paramedic Science.

Southeast Tech, in conjunction with Sanford Health, is proposing to start a new associate-level degree program in paramedic science. The new academic program would provide technical training and development to meet the growing need for paramedics in South Dakota. The program is designed as a two-year Associate of Applied Science, and Southeast Tech will be seeking programmatic accreditation through the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Program for the Emergency Medical Services Professions, an accreditation committee of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Program (CAAHEP). The paramedic science program will be a joint venture between Southeast Tech and Sanford Health. Through a Memorandum of Understanding, Southeast Tech will be utilizing Sanford Health's existing medical training facility and staff to deliver a high-quality academic program. After the program, a student will test for and apply for certification as a Registered Paramedic through the South Dakota Department of Health.

Administrative Recommendation to School Board:

Approve Southeast Tech to establish a new degree program of an Associate of Applied Science in Paramedic Science.