

in Science degree at NWF State College. Students should contact the appropriate department or division office for more information.

## **Foreign Language Requirement**

University or college admission to baccalaureate programs in the State of Florida requires that students demonstrate foreign language competencies. The Florida Department of Education has identified the competencies as successful completion of two sequential credits in high school foreign language, a minimum of 6 credit hours in one foreign language at the college level or an appropriate score on an approved CLEP examination. Native speakers of another language who can demonstrate proficiency by evidence of a secondary high school transcript may petition for a waiver. Students should contact their Academic Advisor for more information.

## **Limited Access Programs**

Limited access programs have additional admission requirements and a competitive selection process.

## **Dental Assisting**

The Dental Assisting program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The program is a three semester Limited Admission Career and Technical or Vocational program. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or its equivalent, as well as satisfy all other NWF State College admission criteria. Program graduates are eligible to sit for the Dental Assisting National Board examination to receive the Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) credential. Contact Dental Assisting at (850) 729-6444 for additional information.

## **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)**

The Emergency Medical Technician program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP). Emergency Medical Technicians are part of the Emergency Medical Services team. EMTs are trained to provide basic life support and transportation of the sick and injured. The EMT program prepares students to apply for the examination to become a Florida licensed and National Registry Emergency Medical Technician Basic.

The Emergency Medical Technician program is 12 credit hours long and is conducted over one (1) semester. Applicants to this program must have a high school diploma or GED and meet other applicable admission criteria (including fingerprinting, a background check and a drug screen). If the number of qualified applicants to the program exceeds the number of openings, students will be accepted using a combination of application points and a random selection process. Contact the EMS Office at (850) 729-4924 for additional information.

## **Firefighting**

Firefighters are trained to extinguish and control fires in response to situations where property, life, or the environment is in danger. At the scene of an emergency, firefighters perform tasks assigned by their commanding officer. Depending on the situation, they may need to provide medical attention, break through debris, operate fire hoses, or enter a burning building. Firefighters are often first responders to car accidents, heart attack scenes, and other medical emergencies that do not involve fire.

The Firefighting Certificate program is one semester that consists of two classes; Fire Basic I and II. Applicants to this program must have a high school diploma or GED and meet other applicable admission criteria. If the number of qualified applicants to the program exceeds the number of openings, students will be accepted using a combination of application points and a random selection process. Contact the Firefighting Office at (850) 729-4924 for additional information.

## **AS/RN Nursing**

This two-year Nursing program, which is fully approved by the Florida Board of Nursing, leads to an Associate in Science (A.S.) in Nursing degree. Current Florida Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) may complete the program in three semesters, not including summer. Graduates of the Nursing program are eligible to apply for licensure by examination to become Registered

Nurses (RNs). They are also prepared to continue their education, and can smoothly transition into the RN to BSN program offered at NWF State College.

The Associate in Science in Nursing has a once-a-year application/admissions process to begin nursing coursework the following Fall semester. Those who plan to apply to the program may wish to complete specified general education coursework to prepare a more competitive application. Applicants must complete a program application in addition to the college application, must meet or exceed the minimum cumulative GPA requirement, and must pass the Nursing Admission Examination in order to be considered for selection into the program. Students selected for this program must meet matriculation criteria, including fingerprinting, a criminal background check, drug screen, and CPR Certification, as required by clinical facilities. Interested students should review all application materials and selection criteria on the [Nursing website](#). Contact the Nursing Department at (850) 729-6400 for additional information.

## **Paramedic**

Paramedics are the highest trained and educated pre-hospital provider of emergency medicine. In the Paramedic program, students are provided the highest quality education to prepare to become competent leaders in the high pace work of Emergency Medical Services. The Paramedic program is three semesters beyond the Emergency Medical Technician Basic level and prepares students to apply for the Florida or National Registry Paramedic board examination. The Paramedic Certificate program is a Limited Admission College Credit Certificate. Students admitted to this program must have a high school diploma or GED and meet other applicable admission criteria (including documentation of current Florida Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certification, fingerprinting, a background check and a drug screen). If the number of qualified applicants to the program exceeds the number of openings, students will be accepted using a combination of application points and a random selection process. The curriculum for this program forms the core of the Emergency Medical Services Associate in Science degree program. Contact the EMS Office at (850) 729-4924 for additional information.

## **Radiography**

The Radiography Program is a Limited Access Associate in Science degree program. New students are accepted annually for enrollment in the Summer Term. Students admitted to this program must meet specific admission criteria (including a minimum score of 70 in each section of the HESI exam or overall average scores of 70 to be considered as an alternate). Additionally, after acceptance into the Radiography program a background check, drug screen and other training will be required. Graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) certification exam. Contact the Division of Allied Health at (850) 729-6444 or visit our [website](#) for additional application requirements and information.

## **Welding**

The Welding Technology and Advanced Welding Technology are Limited Access Certificate programs. New students are accepted for Admissions annually in the Fall term for the day program and annually in the Spring term for the night program. Students admitted to this program must meet specific admission criteria. The NWF State College Welding program provides you the skills, knowledge, and customized training required to be a professional welder. Students accepted into the program have the opportunity of obtaining NCCER credentials. Each certificate level is acknowledged by the industry as proof of acquired skills in various forms of welding, cutting, base metal preparation, welding inspection, safety, and metallurgy. Interested students should review all application materials and selection criteria in the Welding program guide. Please contact the Welding Office at (850) 729-5224 for the daytime office and (850) 729-5233 for the night time office or visit the [welding website](#) for additional information.

## **Programs with Additional Admission Requirements**

### **Criminal Justice Training Programs**

The Law Enforcement Basic and Correctional Officer Basic Career and Technical or Vocational Certificate Programs are certified through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). The college is designated as Florida Criminal Justice Training Center Number 21 and students enrolling in these certificate programs must meet FDLE requirements (including fingerprinting and background check), possess a standard high school diploma or its equivalent, successfully complete the

Florida Basic Abilities Test (FBAT), as well as satisfy all other NWF State College admission standards. Contact the Criminal Justice Program at [criminaljustice@nwfsc.edu](mailto:criminaljustice@nwfsc.edu) or (850) 729-5378 for additional information.

## Emergency Medical Services

The Associate in Science in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is limited to students who are licensed EMT/Paramedics. Contact the EMS Program Office at (850) 729-4924 for additional information.

## Fine and Performing Arts

Some Fine and Performing Arts classes are open only by audition or faculty/division approval. Contact the Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts Division at (850) 729-5382 for additional information.

## Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)

The U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program provides an outstanding opportunity for military leadership training. Students may also begin leadership training at the college level. Participation in the program does not require a commitment to enter the U.S. Army for non-scholarship students. The four courses in the program are transferable to any ROTC program in different branches of the military and participants in the program are able to transfer seamlessly for upper division studies.

To enroll, a student must be physically and morally qualified, a full-time degree-seeking student and a U.S. citizen. Student may register for their ROTC courses at any NWF location but ROTC courses will be taught at University of West Florida's main campus in Pensacola. For additional information visit [ROTC's website](#) or contact Ramsey Ross at (850) 729-5379.

## Non-Degree Seeking Students

Many students attend college to upgrade employment skills, for transfer credit, or for personal interest and enjoyment. Non-degree applicants only need to provide a completed Application for Admission and Florida Residency form. Applicants who do not wish to earn a degree or certificate from NWF State College and wish to take college, career and technical or vocational credit courses do not need to provide evidence of prior educational coursework. However, students seeking enrollment in courses with prerequisites or other admissions requirements, or students seeking financial assistance may be required to provide evidence of all prior educational course work. Students will not be permitted to enroll in any college credit English, humanities, mathematics or Gordon Rule social science course without meeting the State of Florida mandated minimum scores on an approved placement test or showing that they have met the prerequisite or are exempt from placement testing.

## Transient Students from Other Institutions

Students who are currently enrolled at another post-secondary institution, wishing to take courses that will be transferred back to their current institution are considered Transient Students. Transient Students are required to submit their home institution's authorization of course selection before registration.

## Adult General Education

This program leads to the completion of elementary and secondary studies, including basic reading, writing and mathematics. Adult General Education classes are designed for adults who need to develop skills in reading, writing and arithmetic with a minimum of 4th grade level on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) assessment. It includes other subjects related to gainful employment and college readiness such as obtaining the Florida High School Diploma through GED testing, career preparation and postsecondary transition services. English classes are available for students that have a primary language other than English. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Applicants must be 16 years old.
- Applicants normally must NOT have received a standard high school diploma or passed the General Education Development (GED) Test.
- Registration dates and start times are the same as those for college credit students. The Adult Education Program is open enrollment and students may enroll anytime during the semester. The term fee is \$30.00. Most student classroom