

**SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION**  
**PARAMEDIC**  
**Revision Date: 12/2023**

**I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

**Course Number:** PARM 1115  
**Course Title:** Electrophysiology in Paramedicine  
**Prerequisite(s):** Enrollment in Paramedic program or by instructor approval.

**Catalog Description:** This introductory ECG course will instruct in the anatomy and physiology of the conduction system of the heart, the electrical system, electrocardiography, abnormal ECG patterns, 12-Lead ECG interpretation, and distinguishing between life-threatening & non-life-threatening dysrhythmias. Cardiac dysrhythmia treatment modalities will be discussed.

**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Class Hours:** 45  
**Lab Hours:** 0  
**Total Contact Hours:** 45

**II. COURSE OBJECTIVES:** *Course will:*

1. Review anatomy and physiology of the heart.
2. Introduce heart electrophysiology.
3. Introduce basic ECG interpretation.
4. Introduce treatment modalities for various dysrhythmias.
5. Introduce and practice 12-Lead ECG interpretation.

**III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

**A. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:** *Student will be able to:*

1. Demonstrate understanding of didactic material by completing written examinations, quizzes, homework and projects with a cumulative score of  $\geq 75\%$ .
2. Demonstrate the professional traits as outlined in the *EMT Oath and Code of Conduct*.
3. Identify anatomical structures of the heart.
4. Trace the electrical pathways of the myocardium.
5. Interpret various ECG dysrhythmias.
6. Interpret various ECG dysrhythmias located on a 12-Lead ECG, including bundle branch blocks, various locations of acute myocardial injury & infarctions and axis deviation.
7. Demonstrate treatments for various cardiac emergencies.

**B. GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**GELO 3: Critical Thinking & Problem Solving**

Outcome 1: Collect, identify, interpret and analyze data.

1. The student will demonstrate the ability to interpret and analyze data as well as discuss actions and outcomes of actions.

#### **IV. CONTENT/TOPICAL OUTLINE (*course outline may provide more detailed information*)**

- A. Anatomy and physiology of the myocardium.
- B. Components of the ECG tracing.
- C. Steps to ECG interpretation
- D. Sinus rhythms
- E. Atrial rhythms
- F. Ventricular rhythms
- G. Junctional rhythms
- H. Heart blocks
- I. Tachydysrhythmia treatment
- J. Bradydysrhythmia treatment
- K. Treatment for pulseless arrest
- L. Treatment for ROSC
- M. Identifying Axis deviation & Hemiblocks on a 12-Lead ECG
- N. Identifying Bundle branch blocks on a 12-Lead ECG
- O. Identifying wide complex tachycardias on a 12-Lead ECG
- P. Identifying a STEMI
- Q. Identifying severe electrolyte imbalances on a 12-Lead ECG

#### **V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

##### **A. Required Text(s):**

Walraven, G. *Basic Arrhythmias*, current ed., Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall  
Page, B., & Emler, A.W., *12 Lead ECG for Acute and Critical Care Providers*, current edition,  
Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall

#### **VI. METHODS OF PRESENTATION/INSTRUCTION**

- A.** Methods of presentation typically include a combination of the following:
- 1. Lecture
  - 2. Group discussion
  - 3. Demonstrations

#### **VII. METHODS OF EVALUATION**

- 1. Methods of evaluation are provided in the Course Information Document (CID) found in the course canvas shell.

##### **SCC STANDARD GRADING SCALE POLICY:**

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|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| <b>A+</b> | <b>95-100</b> | <b>C+</b> | <b>75-79</b>    |
| <b>A</b>  | <b>90-94</b>  | <b>C</b>  | <b>70-74</b>    |
| <b>B+</b> | <b>85-89</b>  | <b>D+</b> | <b>65-69</b>    |
| <b>B</b>  | <b>80-84</b>  | <b>D</b>  | <b>60-64</b>    |
|           |               | <b>F</b>  | <b>Below 60</b> |

#### **VIII. SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

- A.** Students must complete course with a score of Passing  $\geq 75\%$  (C+) to continue in the Paramedic Program.
- B.** The expectations of students are to abide by the policies and procedures found within the CID and program handbook.