

Articulation Agreement
Emergency Medical Services Prior Learning Credit

Between
Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education
and
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

This Articulation Agreement is made and entered into by and between the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (ODCTE) and Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) for the purpose of establishing a pathway for students who hold applicable EMS credentials to receive prior learning assessment credit toward eligible SWOSU Associate of Science in Health Science degree requirements.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to provide a structured process for recognizing college-level EMS learning obtained through ODCTE programs culminating in successful NREMT certification/licensure. The parties intend to reduce duplication of coursework, support workforce development, and improve student transition into SWOSU academic programs.

2. Definitions

For purposes of this agreement:

- **Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)** means the evaluation of learning acquired outside the traditional classroom for possible academic credit.
- **Credential** means a recognized EMS certification or license, such as EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic, as applicable.
- **Credit award** means semester credit granted by SWOSU after faculty review and equivalency determination. SWOSU's catalog specifically identifies prior learning assessment as eligible extra-institutional credit within stated limits.

3. Eligibility

A student may be considered for credit under this agreement if the student:

- Holds a current, valid EMS credential relevant to the course content.
- Submits official documentation required by SWOSU Allied Health Sciences.
- Meets SWOSU admission and program requirements.

4. Credit Evaluation

SWOSU shall evaluate EMS-related prior learning through NREMT certification or licensure verification.

5. Credit Award

Credit may be awarded only when SWOSU faculty determine that the student's learning is equivalent to the learning outcomes of a SWOSU course. Credit awarded under this agreement:

- Shall be transcribed as SWOSU-approved credit once twelve credit hours are completed at SWOSU.
- May be used only where the course applies to the student's degree plan.
- Shall remain subject to residency, upper-division, and program-specific requirements.

6. Suggested EMS Credit Crosswalk

The parties may adopt the following preliminary framework, subject to final faculty approval:

ODCTE / EMS Source	SWOSU Credit Type	Suggested Hours
EMR program completion and credential verification	ALHLT 2045 EMS I	5
EMT-B skills and clinical competency verification	ALHLT 2045 EMS I ALHLT 2055 EMS II	10
AEMT program completion and credential verification	ALHLT 2045 & 2055 EMS I/II ALHLT 2066 Adv. EMT	16
Paramedic program completion and credential verification	ALHLT 2045 & 2055 EMS I/II & ALHLT 2066 Adv. EMT	16

7. Documentation Required

To receive consideration for credit, a student must submit:

- Official transcript or program completion record.
- Current EMS certification or license.

8. Limitations

This agreement does not:

- Guarantee admission to SWOSU.
- Guarantee credit for all ODCTE EMS coursework.
- Override licensure, accreditation, or degree requirements.
- Exceed SWOSU's maximum allowable prior learning or extra-institutional credit limits.

Signatures

Southwestern Oklahoma State University and **Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (ODCTE)** hereby enter into this articulation agreement on July 20, 2026 by a signing of signatures of the chief executive officers of both institutions.

Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education



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Entity: Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education

Southwestern Oklahoma State University



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