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First Program in North Carolina to Receive LoR in Advance of State Requirement
CoAEMSP Issues Second LoR for Voluntary AEMT Accreditation to
Forsyth Technical Community College

April 17, 2025 - [Forsyth Technical Community College](#) in Winston-Salem, NC, is the second Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) education program in the country to receive its Letter of Review (LoR) from CoAEMSP, just after [Midlands Technical College](#) in Columbia, SC, which was the [first](#).



The LoR signifies that the program is in the process of seeking accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([CAAHEP](#)), the only nationally recognized accreditation organization for AEMT and paramedic education.

Beginning June 30, 2025, North Carolina will [require](#) all AEMT education programs in the state to be in the process of becoming accredited. Forsyth Tech is the first AEMT education program in North Carolina to receive its LoR. As an existing CAAHEP-accredited paramedic program, it completed the abridged application process and self-study report.

“This is a big step forward for our EMS program,” said Michael Belcher, EMS program director. “The Letter of Review validates the quality of our curriculum, our instructors, and the experience we’re providing to students. It also gives our students and their future employers even more confidence in the quality of the education they receive here. Our EMS team is proud to be leading the way in North Carolina and investing in top-tier training, simulation, and instruction to prepare the next generation of EMS professionals for success.”

“We are thrilled to see the momentum building for voluntary accreditation of AEMT education programs,” said Dr. George Hatch, executive director of CoAEMSP. “We know that accreditation establishes standards for high-quality education and results in a reliable and competent workforce. And we believe that the entire field of EMS will be strengthened as more AEMT education programs pursue voluntary accreditation. Congratulations to the team at Forsyth Tech for being first in the state.”

Visit the CoAEMSP [website](#) for more information on voluntary AEMT accreditation.

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions ([CoAEMSP](#)) works to advance the quality of EMS education through accreditation. CoAEMSP is the only organization recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([CAAHEP](#)) to provide accreditation services for Paramedic and, beginning in 2025, AEMT education programs.