

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

Degree: Certificate

Course held each spring and fall semester

July 1 is the deadline to apply for fall semester, December 1 is the deadline to apply for spring semester for priority consideration for acceptance into the fall Emergency Medical Technician program. Applications received after those dates will be considered on a space availability basis.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) education is the first standard level of training for the emergency medical service system. An EMT is trained to care for patients at the scene of an accident and while transporting patients by ambulance to the hospital. They are a vital member of both the healthcare delivery system and public safety. EMT Certification is now a frequent requirement for employment in many fire departments and public safety agencies.

EMT course work emphasizes emergency skills, including patient assessment, respiratory support, trauma management, splinting and emergency cardiac care. Classroom education is combined with extensive skill practice and time in an emergency room and on an ambulance for a total of 200 contact hours. Graduates will leave this program ready to work with the procedures and equipment in common use on EMS systems across the country. In course evaluations are frequent and rigorous.

Graduates will take the NREMT (*National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians*) certification exam and earn the title "Registered Emergency Medical Technician". EMT Certification is also a prerequisite for the Paramedic program.

Required EMT-Basic Courses (10 semester hours in one semester)

EMTS 101 - EMS Basic I - 3 credit hours

EMTS 102 - EMS Basic II - 3 credit hours

EMTS 103 - EMS Basic III - 4 credit hours

The class schedule is Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. There will be several all-day Saturday and Sunday sessions during the course of the program.

We encourage all truly interested students to apply, but be aware that admission is competitive and selective and there is a criminal background check required of all applicants to be performed at the applicant's expense.