

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

Technical Certificate



Program and Career Description:

The Emergency Medical Technician: (EMT) course is an academy-style, semester long program designed to educate and train students to serve as a vital member of a pre-hospital EMS team. This course provides students with the necessary didactic and practical training to perform life-saving skills. Additionally, students will learn to work alone as well as in a squad-based (team) environment.

How long is the program?

Classes are offered on an intense 15 week schedule (10 weeks in summer semester). Classes are offered year round both during the day and in the evening (summer offerings limited to 1 class). Day classes are offered 2 days/week while evening classes are offered 4 nights/week usually Monday through Thursday 5:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. Location of classes vary from semester to semester.

What does the program provide?

- Challenging academic courses facilitated by EMS professionals,
- Extensive clinical rotations in numerous acute care facilities, ambulance services, and fire stations across middle Tennessee,
- Opportunities to attain knowledge and skills necessary for licensure and career success,
- Support and encouragement from both faculty and fellow cohort members.

How is the job market?

No accurate national data exists which separates salaries for various levels of EMS credentials. Reported base salaries do not include overtime and extra shifts commonly worked. The best information regarding salaries may be obtained by contacting EMS providers in the desired Emergency Medical Services area and inquiring about entry level salaries. Additional information about education requirements and preferred work styles may be obtained from www.bls.gov.

Opportunities

Upon successful completion of the EMT-Basic technical certificate, candidates are eligible to sit for the National Registry's written and practical examinations. Upon successful completion of examinations and other licensure requirements, the student will be eligible for the State of Tennessee EMT license or may advance into the AEMT certificate.

www.columbiastate.edu/emt-paramedic

Requirements for Graduation include:

- Total certificate hours must be at least 16.
- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- earn a GPA of at least 2.0 in courses required for the certificate.

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For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program and other important information, please review [Gainful Employment Disclosures](#) found on the website at www.columbiastate.edu/consumer-information for this certificate.

Student ID: _____
Student Name: _____
Adviser Name: _____

Catalog: 2020-2021 Catalog and Student Handbook
Program: Emergency Medical Technician Technical Certificate
Minimum Credits Required: _____

Emergency Medical Technician Technical Certificate

The Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT) is an entry-level Emergency Medical Technician. The EMT renders life support to patients at the scene of injuries or illnesses and prepares these patients for transport to the hospital.

Total Credit Hours: 16

Students must contact program faculty directly to register for EMSB courses. Classes are offered on an intense 15 week schedule (10 weeks in summer semester). Students are also required to complete 96 hours of clinical rotations during their enrollment. Some students may be required to complete coursework prior to enrolling in EMS classes depending upon competency placement in reading, writing, and math.

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
EMSB 1601 - EMT Medical Emergencies and EMS Operations	Credits: 6			
EMSB 1602 - EMT Trauma and Medical Emergencies	Credits: 6			
EMSB 1101 - EMT Medical Skills Lab	Credits: 1			
EMSB 1102 - EMT Trauma and Medical Skills Lab	Credits: 1			
EMSB 1111 - EMT Clinical	Credits: 1			
EMSB 1112 - EMT Field Internship	Credits: 1			

Note(s):

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1. Total certificate hours must be at least 16
2. earn 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State
3. earn GPA of at least 2.0 in program courses
4. earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher

Upon successful completion, the candidate is eligible to receive a Technical Certificate and challenge the National Registry exam to obtain National Certification as an EMT and Tennessee State licensure as an EMT or may advance into the AEMT Technical Certificate.

Students and advisors should run a degree audit from myChargerNet each semester to confirm classes are applicable to the program of study.

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Requirements for the EMT Technical Certificate Include:

EMT classes are completed in one semester. Class size is limited and is filled on a first to qualify basis. The following requirements must be met in order to enroll in EMT classes.

1. Complete application for admission to the College by submitting the following to the Admissions Office.
 - a. completed Application for Admission
 - b. official college transcripts
 - c. high school transcripts or High School Equivalency Diploma-HSE (GED[®] or HiSET[®])
 - d. proof of immunization with two doses of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) and Varicella Zoster (Chicken Pox) vaccines administered on or after the first birthday AND evidence of immunity via Titer.
2. EMT candidates must, at a minimum, place at Competency Level 1 in all categories (Math, Reading, Writing.) Competency status in each area is validated by ACT sub-scores OR through institutional placement testing.
3. Must be at least 18 year of age.

To successfully complete the courses/certificate, student must receive clearance from affiliates to participate in clinical education, develop skills, complete objectives and master required competencies.

1. Criminal background checks and drug screens are required by most clinical affiliates.
2. A clinical affiliate may choose to deny a student access to participate in clinical rotations at their facility based on the results of a student's background check or drug screen results.
3. If a student is denied access to any clinical affiliate site, the student will not be allowed to complete the clinical requirements of the program at that site.
4. For more information about the background check and drug screening process, you may contact program faculty.

EMT students confirmed for the class are required to submit documentation of a completed Physical Examination form with all required health work. For a checklist of requirements and copies of forms to be submitted visit <http://www.columbiastate.edu/emt-paramedic> incoming students. Evidence of personal health insurance is also required. Documentation of all requirements must be submitted before students will be allowed to schedule clinical rotations.

Applicants who have been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation may be ineligible for licensure by the state of Tennessee. For more information, contact the State of Tennessee Department of Health Division of EMS. Criminal background checks and routine drug screens are required by several affiliate training sites as a condition of participation in clinical education. Based on the results of the criminal background check and drug screen, an affiliated clinical site may elect not to allow an individual student to participate in clinicals at the facility. This could result in inability to successfully complete the requirements of a specific course and program. More information is available from program officials.