

Dyersburg State Community College

Concentration

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

The Emergency Medical Technician is an integral member of the health team responding to a wide range of emergency situations. Sustaining and prolonging life at the scene and during transport is of primary concern to the Emergency Medical Technician. The Emergency Medical Technician demonstrates ethical, legal and professional accountability in practice.

Emergency Medical Technology, within the framework of higher education, enhances individual growth and development, and has societal impact.

Emergency Medical Technology prepares the student for licensure by the Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services and for practice as an EMT.

Prerequisites:

EMT 1000 – Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider or current certification as an American Heart Association Health Care Provider.

Admission Criteria: State of Tennessee, Division of EMS Rule (1200-12-1-.04 and 1200-12-1-.13) pursuant to T.C.A. Title 68, Chapter 140

- (1) Emergency Medical Technician Licensure Requirements
 - (a) Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
 - (b) Be able to read, write, and speak the English language.
 - (c) Must possess an academic high school diploma or a general equivalency diploma (G.E.D).
 - (d) Must have no history within the past three years of habitual intoxication or personal misuse of any drugs or the use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, controlled substances, or other drugs or stimulants in such manner as to adversely affect the person's ability to practice as an emergency medical technician.
 - (e) Must present evidence to the Division of Emergency Medical Services of a medical examination certifying physical health sufficient to conduct activities associated with patient care, including, but not limited to, visual acuity, speech and hearing, use of all extremities, absence of musculoskeletal deformities, absence of communicable diseases, and suitable emotional fitness to provide for the care and lifting of the ill or injured. This information shall be provided on a form approved by the Board and shall be consistent with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the requirements of National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.
 - (f) Must successfully complete an approved basic Emergency Medical Technician course including all license examinations.
 1. Written Examination
 - (i) Achieve a passing score on a Board approved written examination with a minimum score as established by the Board.
 - (ii) Applicants who fail to pass the examination shall be eligible to reapply for examination.

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2. Practical Examination
 - (i) All applicants must successfully complete an EMS Board approved practical examination.
 - (ii) Applicants who fail to pass the practical examination shall be eligible to reapply for examination.
 3. All applicants must complete all requirements for licensure within two (2) years of completion of the training course and program.
- (g) Must submit an Application for Licensure form as provided by the Division of Emergency Medical Services. h) Must remit the appropriate licensure and application fees, if applicable, as determined under rule 1200-12-1-.06.
1. An applicant shall cause to be submitted to the administrative office of the Division of Emergency Medical Services, directly from the vendor identified in the Division's licensure application materials, the result of a criminal background check.

(Rule 1200-12-01-.13)

- i) Meet the admission requirements of the educational institution.
- (ii) Possess a high school diploma or general education equivalent.
- (iii) Show that he is in good physical and mental health and that he possesses no physical handicaps or disabilities which would impede his ability to fulfill the functions and responsibilities of an EMT. A physical examination form must be completed by a physician who has examined the individual within the past six months and who possesses adequate knowledge of EMT's responsibilities such as lifting, (125 pounds) dexterity, observations, verbal communications, and hearing, with a favorable report of physical health sufficient to perform as an EMT. If there are any limitations in the individual ability to perform adequately, he must submit additional documentation from the appropriate professional evaluator which could clearly indicate his abilities to perform adequately. (i.e.)
 - (I) Speech impairment-Speech Pathologist
 - (II) Hearing impairment-Audiologist
 - (III) Physical Handicap or Disability-Orthopedist or Registered Physical Therapist
 - (IV) Vision-Ophthalmologist

Note: The following criteria are required by clinical affiliates. These requirements may have different time lines than the state EMS rules and regulations.

Before beginning any clinical lab experience, a criminal background check and drug screen is required by clinical facilities for assurance of patient safety. Based on the results of these procedures, an affiliated clinical site may prohibit a student's presence at their facility. This will result in the student's inability to successfully complete the requirements of the course and program. Additionally, applicants should be aware that conviction of certain crimes may make them ineligible for licensure even though they successfully complete the EMT program. Detailed instructions regarding the Background Check will be provided during the first day of class. The student will be responsible for the cost of the physical examination, drug screen, and background check. To obtain more information, please contact the EMT program director prior to registration.

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EMS Rule (1200-12-1-.04 and 1200-12-1-.13) pursuant to T.C.A. Title 68, Chapter 140. 6 hours lecture, 2 hours campus laboratory per week, and 12-24 total hours (equivalent to 1-2 hours per week) during the semester for hospital/ambulance ride time.

EMT 1000—Basic Life Support for the Healthcare Provider **1 sem. hr.**

As Needed

This course prepares the healthcare worker to administer basic life support (BLS) to the adult, child, and infant. This course is based upon guidelines set forth by the American Heart Association. Content areas include basic airway control, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), choking, and the use of airway adjuncts such as the pocket mask & bag-mask. The course consists of a watch-then-practice concept. 1 hour lecture, 1 hour laboratory.

Total **15 or 16**

Cost Estimate

Tuition for Students at \$118 per credit hour for 16 credit hours	\$1888
Textbooks	\$225
Background checks (2)	\$100
State EMS examination and application	\$150
National Registry fee	\$70
Malpractice insurance	\$63
Uniform (1 per student)	\$75
Drug Screen	\$25
External validity testing	\$30
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$2,626</u>

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