Emergency Medical Technician Certificate

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) are the backbone of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system, helping to reduce injury severity and death at the scene of an accident or sudden illness and during transportation to a medical facility.

Total Units: 8

First Year

Semester 1

8 Units

COURSE	UNITS	PRE-REQS^	SEMESTERS OFFERED*
EMT 115[1] Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Didactic Introduction	1.5	Advisory: AH 311** and BIOL 102	F, S
EMT 116 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Didactic Conclusion	5	EMT 115	F, S
EMT 117 Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Practicum	1.5	EMT 115	F, S

^You must have passed the prerequisite course(s) with a “C” or better; Corequisite must be taken during the same semester; Advisory means it is recommended but not required to enroll in the course.

*(O) = Online available, (P) = Partially online

[1] Students who plan to take an EMT prep or advisory courses should take them prior to the semester they are taking EMT. These courses should not be taken during the same semester as EMT.

** Formerly AH 110

Career Options/Outlook:

Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics assess injuries, administer emergency medical care, and extricate trapped individuals. Transport injured or sick persons to medical facilities.

A sample of reported job titles:

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT); Emergency Medical Technician, Basic (EMT, B); Emergency Medical Technician/Driver (EMT/DRIVER); EMT Intermediate (Emergency Medical Technician, Intermediate); EMT, Paramedic (Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic); EMT/Dispatcher (Emergency Medical Technician/Dispatcher); First Responder; Flight Paramedic; Multi-Care Technician (Multi-Care Tech); Paramedic

Projected job openings in California (2020-2030):

1,900

Projected growth in California (2020-2030):

15% growth

Median Salary in California (2021):

$36,330/yr

Source:

https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-2042.00

Program highlights:

- Hands-on experience in administering proper emergency medical care
- Preparation for the EMT certification test (NREMT)
- Recertification for EMT state certification
- First step in pursuing a paramedic license
- Hospital emergency room and ambulance clinical time

EMT 115 Pre-Requisites:

All EMT 115 students must have an American Heart Association BLS for the Health Care Provider CPR card or BLS Provider Card or eCard (required under NHTSA and California Regulations) prior to the first day of class.

Other requirements:

EMT students will need the following requirements to go to clinical (this will be discussed the first class day). These requirements should be done in EMT class and not before.

1. Background check

2. Immunization

3. Physical examinations

4. Tb clearance

5. Drug screening

To become a Certified (Licensed) EMT in California, all applicants must:

1. Have a high school diploma or GED

2. Be a minimum of 18 years of age as of the certification date

3. Pass the background check

For more information, go to the State EMS website: https://emsa.ca.gov/emt.

About this program map:

This program map represents one possible pathway to complete the program. Please see a counselor to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This map is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Zero Textbook Costs (ZTC):

The Zero Textbook Costs designation and logo are added to any course that provides free access to all required instructional materials. These are typically shared with students through Canvas. Courses that are designated as ZTC may still require students to purchase supplemental materials such as lab coats, a calculator, art supplies, etc. See full definitions and searching tips on the Zero Textbook Costs page of the college website.

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