

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN BASIC AND PARAMEDIC

Is being an Emergency Medical Technician Basic and Paramedic for me?

The field is for you if you ...

- Have good physical health and strength.
- Have good vision and focus.
- Use good judgment under stress.
- Enjoy working independently.
- Like helping people.

What skills will I learn in this field?

You will learn ...

- Bandaging and splinting
- Bleeding control
- Childbirth
- Treatment for shock
- Patient assessment
- Fluid replacement
- Airway management
- Anti-shock instruments
- EMT-Basic procedures
- Life support techniques
- Administering medications

What is the work atmosphere like?

Medical centers and hospitals, police and fire departments, rescue agencies, and private ambulance companies employ EMTs. They also serve with volunteer corps that help meet emergencies in their communities.

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Emergency Medical Technician Basic and Paramedic
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Associate's Degree

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Associate in Applied Science in Emergency Medical Services

Bachelor's Degree

Bachelor's degrees are available by transferring to a four-year colleges and universities.

All Professional Certification classes meet or exceed the requirements for certification with the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, Division of Personnel Standards and Education. The Illinois Department of Public Health approves EMT-Basic and Paramedic Courses offered through Fire Science Technology for state certification. To maintain certification, EMTs must recertify every four years and Paramedics yearly with the National Registry of Emergency Medical

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What can I do with these degrees?

If you have completed ...

High School Diploma

Paid on-call volunteer Fire Fighter, Volunteer in a hospital

Certificate

EMT-Basic, Paramedic

How can I prepare now?

Recommended courses ...

Math

Algebra

Science

Anatomy and Physiology, Biology, Chemistry

Communications

Written and verbal communications

Recommended Supporting Electives

Psychology

What about my dual credit?

Check with your high school coordinator to see if you are eligible for dual credit at College of DuPage.

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Management of EMS services and facilities

What should I take in my first semester at C.O.D.?

Fire 2271 Emergency Medical Technician Basic. Most fire departments require EMT certification and prefer Paramedic certification. Otherwise, they go through Paramedic training after they are hired by a fire department.

Whom can I talk to for more information?

Health, Social, and Behavioral Sciences
(630) 942-2495

For more information on the Associate in Applied Science Degree curriculum, see your program coordinator or go to www.cod.edu.