

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, Certificate Program - Noncredit

Workforce Development and Continuing Education/Public Service

The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program includes the knowledge and skills required to provide basic pre-hospital emergency care for sick and injured patients. This 220-hour program serves as the foundation for emergency medical services, teaching students the overall roles and responsibilities of the EMT while providing an overview of anatomy and physiology. After completion of this program, the student may attend a Pennsylvania Department of Health/National Registry of EMT's psychomotor exam and the National Registry of EMT's cognitive exam, which will result in EMT Certification through both of these agencies. Classes are available at the Harrisburg and York campuses, as well as other sites across the state and through Virtual Learning.

All certification programs listed are noncredit certificate programs. It is not a requirement of the HACC certification program to have a GED, or a high school diploma; however, some employers require it upon hiring EMS certified personnel. Students must be able to lift, carry, and balance a minimum of 125 pounds equally distributed (250 pounds with assistance), at a height of 33 inches, and for a distance of 10 feet. Reading and writing skills must be at, or above, a 9th grade level. Academic and attendance requirements must be met for successful program completion.

Career Opportunities

Typically, EMT's are employed by both public and private organizations including ambulance companies or a fire department as a professional responder. Opportunities for employment can also exist in a variety of other healthcare, recreational, and industrial settings. Frequently, patient care experience as an EMT can provide valuable insight in both academic and clinical components of other health careers should students choose to obtain other related professional degrees or licensure.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Rapidly assess injuries and illnesses
- Administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Identify and treat shock
- Control external hemorrhage
- Provide care of musculoskeletal injuries
- Manage various medical emergencies, which may include; pediatric, environmental, diabetic, heart attack, strokes, seizures and breathing difficulty as a few examples.
- Properly lift and move patients
- Use an AED to perform automated external defibrillation
- Rapidly assess the scene for hazards
- Determine the most appropriate method to transport patients to the emergency department

Please NOTE: The Emergency Medical Technician Certificate program may be used as a free elective toward specific HACC degree programs.

PROGRAM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must be 16 years of age on the first day of class.

All perspective students should reference HACC's Prohibitive Offense Policy to determine their eligibility for the EMT program.