



# General Information

2023 – 2024 Catalog Year



## EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course is offered each semester at the Tarrant County College **Northeast Campus**, usually beginning in late August ending in December, mid-January ending in May, and late May ending in August. Each class lasts for a full semester.

The **EMT course is an open enrollment course**, with **NO prior approval from the EMS Program required**. Students must meet all eligibility requirements for enrollment at Tarrant County College as a college credit student. **Students must meet the TSI requirements for credit course enrollment PRIOR to course registration (Math at Algebraic Level)**. Once acceptance into the College is complete, students register through regular College registration. It is highly recommended that students register and pay on the same day to assure a position in the class.

### Course Schedule

#### Fall and Spring semesters (August and January)

Three classes of EMT are traditionally offered:

Monday: 8am to 5pm or Tuesday and Thursday: 1pm to 5pm or Tuesday and Thursday: 6pm to 10pm

#### Summer semester (Meets during both Summer I and Summer II)

Two 10-week classes of EMT are offered:

Day Time: Tuesday & Thursday: 8am to 5pm or Evening: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 6pm to 10pm

### Registering for Classes

Reading, Writing and Math placement testing (TSI) **waivers are NOT available** for this certificate program.

**Please check with the Financial Aid office for information on financial assistance (817-515-4243).**

### Texas EMT Certification: (this gives you the ability to work as an EMT in the state of Texas)

**IMPORTANT** - Two sections are required for completion of the EMT Program; **EMSP 1501 & EMSP 1160** (EMSP 1501 includes lecture and lab, EMSP 1160 is clinical). **Register for EMSP 1501 first.** Be sure you have registered for **BOTH sections**. Failure to register for both sections **WILL** prevent the student from participating in the program.

**Students are able to register for the EMSP 1501 & EMSP 1160 courses**, without having to complete TCC's Emergency Medical Technician Certificate. All students successful in the completion of EMSP 1501 & EMSP 1160 courses will receive a DSHS Course program completion certificate and be eligible to sit for the National Registry of EMT (NREMT) exam and apply for Texas EMT certification.

**Tarrant County College Certificate Option:** Should you choose to further your college education or need Financial Aid assistance to attend, we recommend completing the TCC EMT Certificate, listed below. These courses may be completed in any order; as long as EMSP 1501 & EMSP 1160 are taken together in the same semester. General education courses listed on the certificate plan can also be used towards the completion of the Paramedic associates degree. See <https://www.tccd.edu/academics/courses-and-programs/programs-a-z/credit/emergency-medical-services-emt/> for associate degree information.

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**\*General education courses (non EMSP courses): May be taken in any order the student wishes.** Please check with the Financial Aid office for requirements in order to maintain Financial Aid eligibility.

EMSP	1501	Emergency Medical Technician	5
EMSP	1160	Clinical – Emergency Medical Technology/Technician	1
ENGL	1301	English Composition I	3
GOVT	2306	Texas Government or GOVT 2305	3
COSC	1301	Introduction to Computing	3
		Creative Arts/Language, Culture & Philosophy Elective	3
		<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>18</b>

- **TSI (Texas Success Initiative) Requirement**

**TSI Waivers are NOT available for this program.** Students must meet TSI **Algebraic Math Pathway** requirements for credit course enrollment PRIOR to course registration. If you need a referral to take the TSI online, contact NE.Coach@tccd.edu.

## **Course Requirements**

- **Textbooks**

The primary textbooks are the **Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured; 12<sup>th</sup> edition** (workbook recommended), published by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, and **EMT Clinical Evaluation packet (packet is specific to each semester.)** Please do not purchase this earlier than 1 week before classes begin.

- **Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen**

Participation in clinical rotations will require each student to submit a criminal background check and drug screen. These screenings must be performed through the standard college channels at the student's expense. **These screenings cannot be started earlier than 15 days from the first day of class** and must be submitted to Castlebranch (document submission service). You will receive directions and information on Castlebranch at General Orientation.

Persons with **criminal convictions** may find it difficult to obtain certification with the Texas Department of State Health Services or employment with ambulance providers. It may be wise to contact the DSHS at 817-264-4720 to get information concerning certification of persons with criminal convictions. A prospective student with a felony or class "A" misdemeanor conviction may **NOT** enroll in the TCC EMS program. Class B misdemeanor convictions will be reviewed by the Department Director.

- **CPR**

Prior to the start of clinical rotations **ALL EMT** students must hold a valid **American Heart Association BLS Provider Card**. This card must have been issued within 12 months prior to the start of class. **The TCC Course number is EMSP-1019. The approximate cost is \$40 per person.** The American Heart Association text, **Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers**, is available through the College bookstore and is required for the class. If you do not currently have a valid BLS Provider card, **GO REGISTER NOW. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN A VALID BLS PROVIDER CARD. YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BEGIN CLINICAL ROTATIONS WITHOUT A VALID CARD. YOU CANNOT PASS THIS CLASS WITHOUT COMPLETING CLINICAL ROTATIONS. If TCC courses do not meet your availability, AHA-BLS for Healthcare Providers can be obtained from other American Heart Association Training Centers.**

- **Weekend Classes**

**In addition to the regular weekly class meetings, you will be required to attend one class that will be held on a Saturday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.** You will be given the exact date on the first day of class. This class is mandatory, and it is essential that you make the necessary arrangements to attend.

- **Clinical Rotations**

The clinical component of this program requires that you complete a minimum of 24 hours of emergency room rotations, 48 hours of ambulance rotations, and eight hours of Clinical Orientation. These rotations are completed outside the regular class times and must be scheduled through TCC with contracted facilities. **Clinical Orientation is mandatory**; participation and completion of all parts of the orientation are required to receive a passing grade.

- **Physical Examination and Proof of Immunizations**

All students involved in clinical rotations must complete a physical examination with a physician. This exam must be documented on **TCC EMS Immunization and Health Record Form** and must include all requested information. A physician's acknowledgment of immunization must include immunity to diphtheria/tetanus, hepatitis B, measles (rubeola), mumps, rubella, varicella. A Hepatitis A series is strongly recommended. A screening to determine the presence of tuberculosis is also required. **ALL immunizations must be completed before the first day of class (mandated by the Texas Department of State Health Services).** The **Hepatitis B immunization** usually takes **7 months to complete** the series. You can contact the Tarrant County Health Department for further assistance at 817-321-4700. **Students CANNOT continue in class until ALL aspects of the physical exam and immunization requirements are completed.**

- **Health Insurance**

Students are required to have health insurance coverage when doing clinical coursework, for EMSP 1160. TCC does not offer College-sponsored student health insurance.

- **Special Considerations**

**Students must be 18 years of age to complete the EMT program.**

Graduates who are less than 21 years of age may be unable to find work with ambulance providers. Many insurance carriers will not permit ambulance providers to hire persons less than 21 years of age. However, jobs may be available in hospital departments.

**Potential students should be aware of the graphic nature of this course.** Clinical rotations are scheduled in **REAL** Emergency Departments, treating **REAL** people with **REAL** problems. (This is not a first aid course.) If you have a weak stomach or delicate constitution, you should strongly consider your ability to participate in this program.

During clinical rotations you may encounter situations which will place you in danger of injury or death. These dangers may include violent situations like riots, gang fights, shootings, stabbings, motor vehicle accidents, fire grounds, abusive patients, and infectious diseases. **You are responsible for providing your own health and accident insurance.**

○ **Uniform Policy, Professional Appearance, and Attitude**

All students are required, from the first day of class, to present themselves in a professional manner in both appearance and attitude. Although individual expression has its place, emergency medical services, fire service, and health care are not among them. Classroom activity will require wearing the TCC EMS Program Uniform.

Because of the student's contact with the public while on clinical rotations, TCC has instituted a uniform policy which must be adhered to at all times while on clinical rotations. This policy dictates the dress and grooming of students and is considered a strict policy. **An important issue for many individuals is the length of hair, which is adapted from our clinical sites and follows military guidelines.**

**Facial hair** is another issue of concern for both students and ambulance providers. Mustaches which are simple and neatly trimmed are acceptable by all clinical sites. Beards and goatees not permitted.

**No visible body piercing, earrings, studs, or tattoos are permitted. Hats** are not permitted.

The clinical uniform must be worn in a manner which reflects well on both the clinical provider and TCC. Any student who is unwilling to appropriately represent both TCC and the clinical provider **WILL** be refused access to the clinical sites until appropriate corrections have been made. Clinical rotation sites allow students to ride as a courtesy—a courtesy which may be canceled at any time for students who do not meet standards of personal appearance.

The EMS Program has adopted a ***“Practice as you Play”*** policy for skills performance. This policy requires students be appropriately dressed for all skills practice sessions and includes the wearing of gloves and eye protection. This policy is for your safety and is not negotiable. Students inappropriately attired will not be permitted to participate in skills practice sessions.

○ **NO TOLERANCE POLICY**

Students are expected to demonstrate professional courtesy to instructors, faculty and staff of TCC, fellow class members and other students of the EMS Program, other TCC students and all visitors to the College. Behavior, including language, dress, or action, interpreted as offensive to any of the above, will not be tolerated. Failure to abide by this policy shall be grounds for removal from the TCC EMS Program. There is never a time that it is appropriate to use profanity or sexually suggestive language in the classroom, in the hall, on campus, or while on clinical rotations as a student of the EMS Program. This includes any comments, statements, phrases or words that might offend a person (present or in absentia) on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, gender, or disability.

○ **Estimated Expenses**

**Tuition and fees must be paid before the start of class**

***\*Check the TCC website for payment deadlines. Students will be dropped automatically for non-payment.***

***If using veteran benefits, please make sure your account has a hold on it at the time you complete registration.***

***Contact Business Services with Tuition questions: 817-515-6208.***

**Cost Analysis - EMT Program**





Required Courses		Credit Hours	Tuition / Class
EMSP 1160	Clinical - Emergency Medical Services	1	\$69.00
EMSP 1501	Emergency Medical Technician	5	\$345.00

**Estimated Program Costs:**

	In County Resident	Out of County Resident***
Total Tuition	\$414.00	\$786.00
Books	\$200.00	\$200.00
Uniform (2)	\$150.00	\$150.00
Drug Screen	\$55.00	\$55.00
Background Check	\$40.00	\$40.00
Compliance Tracker	\$33.00	\$33.00
FISDAP Scheduler and Skills Tracker	\$32.00	\$32.00
Meals Clinical Rotations	\$80.00	\$80.00
TDH Certification / Licensure Fee **	\$64.00	\$64.00
Texas Fingerprint fee (Estimate)	\$50.00	\$50.00
National Registry Fee Exam (Estimate)	\$98.00	\$98.00
<b>Total Estimated Program Cost</b>	<b>\$1,216.00</b>	<b>\$1,546.00</b>

\*\* Not a required fee.

\*\*\* Out of County Tuition applied to all persons who are not residents of Tarrant County.

 Due by Payment Deadline	 Costs before Class begins	 Possible Costs During Rotations	 End of Course Testing Fees
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# EMT Checklist

## MUST meet the following UPON ENROLLING:

- \_\_\_\_\_ **TCC ID Number:** You must [apply to TCC](#), be accepted as a student and get a TCC Student ID number.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **TSI Requirements:** You must meet the [TSI requirements](#) for enrolling in college credit courses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Know your immunizations** are complete or will be able to be completed **by the first day of class**.

## MUST meet by the FIRST DAY OF CLASS: No Exceptions

\_\_\_\_\_ **TCC Health Form, Completed and Signed by a Physician** (*TCC Health Form directions are in the EMT packet, after students have successfully registered for the current semester*).

You **cannot start** our program without **proof of all** immunizations. Texas Administrative Code (TAC) requires all students in health-related programs to be immunized prior to enrollment in classes where patient contact is a component.

- **Required vaccines:**

- **Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis:** 1 dose, as an adult within this past 10 years.
- **Varicella (Chicken Pox):**
  - 1 dose if given before the age of 13
  - 2 doses if given after the age of 13 (6 weeks to complete)
  - History dates of the disease are not acceptable—only titer test or vaccination dates will be allowed
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella / MMR:** 2 doses required **or**
  - Measles: 2 doses required
  - Mumps: 1 dose required
  - Rubella: 1 dose required
- **Influenza:** 1 dose required, current season (not required for Summer)
- **Hepatitis B:** 1 series of 3 doses required (commonly takes 7 months to complete)
  - The 3-dose series will need to be complete, or immunity will need to be proven through titer testing, **before the first day of class** in order for you to be able to participate in the upcoming semester's program.
  - The accelerated series Twinrix® is no longer an acceptable option. Series must be the 3 vaccine series.
- **COVID-19\*:**
  - \*Currently some clinical sites are requiring students to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 to attend clinical. If you are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 you may be unable to complete clinical rotations necessary to successfully complete EMS courses. (Boosters not required at this time.)

- **Required screening:**

- **Tuberculosis Test:** within 1 year of start of program

## MUST meet by Clinical Orientation

\_\_\_\_\_ **Criminal Background Check** – *Before classes begin*, students must undergo and pass a criminal background check. Screenings are administered through the College and will be at the student's expense.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Drug Screening** - *Before classes begin*, students must undergo and pass a criminal background check. Screenings are administered through the College and will be at the student's expense.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Health Insurance** – Students are required to have health insurance when doing clinical coursework. Students are required to have health insurance when doing clinical coursework. TCC does not offer College-sponsored student health insurance. The following companies offer student insurance but are not endorsed by TCC.

\_\_\_\_\_ **CPR** – You are required to have a current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR Certification, issued within the last year.