



GENERAL INFORMATION

2024-25 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.

EMT is an open enrollment program, with no separate application required to register for classes. Students must meet all eligibility requirements for enrollment at Tarrant County College as a college credit student. It is **HIGHLY** recommended that students attend an **Information Session prior to registering for classes** (dates/times for sessions prior to each semester are posted at tccd.college/emt.)

Students must meet the **TSI requirements** for credit course enrollment (Reading, Writing, and Math). TSI waivers are **NOT** available for this program.

COURSE SCHEDULE

FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS (AUGUST AND JANUARY)

Three 16-week EMT class options are traditionally offered:

- 1) Monday/ 8am to 5pm 2) Tue and Thu/ 1pm to 5pm 3) Tue and Thu/ 6pm to 10pm

SUMMER SEMESTER (MEETS DURING BOTH SUMMER I AND SUMMER II)

Two 10-week class options are offered:

- 1) Day Class: Tue and Thu/ 8am to 5pm 2) Evening: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu 6pm to 10pm

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

TO QUALIFY FOR TEXAS EMT CERTIFICATION:

- Two (2) sections are required for completion of the EMT Program: **EMSP 1501** (lecture/lab) and **EMSP 1160** (clinical). Register for EMSP 1501 *first*. Students must register for both sections.
- All students successfully completing EMSP 1501 & 1160 courses will receive a DSHS Course program completion certificate and be eligible to sit for the National Registry of EMT exam in order to apply for Texas EMT certification.

TCC EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE OPTION:

- The TCC EMT Certificate is **NOT required for certification to work as an EMT** but is an option for students choosing to further their college education or needing to qualify for financial aid.
- These courses may be taken in any order as long as EMSP 1501 and 1160 are taken in the same semester. General education courses (except COSC 1301) listed on the certificate plan can also be used toward the completion of the Paramedic associate's degree. See tccd.college/paramedic for more information.

(Optional) Emergency Medical Technician Certificate (EMER.T003.UG)

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
		Total Semester Hours	18

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

TEXTBOOKS

The primary textbooks are Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured, 12th Edition (workbook recommended), published by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, and EMT Clinical Evaluation Packet (specific to each semester – please do not purchase 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 must be performed using the Castlebranch service at the student's expense. **These screenings cannot be started earlier than 15 days prior to the first day of class.** Further directions will be provided after acceptance to the program.

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 Program Director.

CPR

Prior to the start of clinical rotations, ALL EMT students must hold a valid **American Heart Association (AHA) BLS Provider card** that has been issued within the 12 months prior to the start of class. This course is available at TCC as the Continuing Education course EMSP-1019 (cost \$40). Additional course offerings can be found through the AHA website. A student without a valid card will not be permitted to begin clinical rotations.

WEEKEND CLASS

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

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 **mandatory Clinical Orientation**. These rotations are completed outside the regular class times and must be scheduled through TCC with contracted facilities.

PHYSICAL EXAM AND PROOF OF IMMUNIZATIONS

All students must complete a physical examination with a physician. This exam must be documented on the "TCC EMS Immunization and Health Record" form and must include all requested information. A physician's acknowledgment of all listed immunizations and a tuberculosis screening are also required. ALL health form components, including all immunizations, must be completed before the first day of class (mandated by Texas DSHS). The hepatitis B immunization takes 6-7 months to complete (3 vaccination dates are required). For assistance you may contact the Tarrant Co. Health Dept: 817-321-4700.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Students are required to have health insurance coverage when doing clinical rotations. TCC does not offer College-sponsored student health insurance.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Students must be 18 years of age to enroll in the EMT program.

Potential students should be aware of the **graphic nature of this course**. Clinical rotations are scheduled in REAL Emergency Departments treating REAL patients. 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, 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. 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. Mustaches which are simple and neatly trimmed are acceptable by all clinical sites. Beards and goatees are 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 sites allow students to ride as 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 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 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 register for courses. Contact **Business Services** with tuition questions: 817-515-6208.

Required Courses	Credit Hours	Tuition/ Class
EMSP 1160	1	\$74.00
EMSP 1501	5	\$370.00

Estimated Program Costs:

	In-County Resident	Out-of-County Resident
DUE BY PAYMENT DEADLINE:		
Total Tuition	\$444.00	\$816.00
COSTS BEFORE CLASS BEGINS:		
Books	\$200.00	\$200.00
Uniform (2)	\$150.00	\$150.00
Drug Screen	\$55.00	\$55.00
Background Check	\$45.00	\$45.00
Compliance Tracker	\$40.00	\$40.00
Clinical Scheduler and Skills Tracker	\$25.00	\$25.00
POSSIBLE COSTS DURING ROTATIONS:		
Meals Clinical Rotations	\$80.00	\$80.00
END OF COURSE TESTING FEES:		
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
Total Estimated Program Cost	\$1,251.00	\$1,623.00

** Not a required fee

EMT Checklist

MUST complete 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.
- ___ **Attend an Information Session:** Information Sessions are not required but **HIGHLY recommended** before registering for classes and are held before registration opens for each semester. See the “About Our EMT Program” page at tccd.college/emt for dates.
- ___ **Immunizations:** Know your immunizations are complete or will be complete by the first day of class.

MUST complete by the FIRST DAY of class (No Exceptions):

- ___ **Register for Classes:** You will register for EMSP-1501 and EMSP-1160 in the same semester.
- ___ **TCC Health Form, Completed and Signed by a Physician** (TCC Health Form instructions are provided within the EMT packet, after students have successfully registered for the current semester).
 - **REQUIRED VACCINES:**
 - **Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis:** 1 dose as an adult within the 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 tests or vaccination dates
 - **Measles, Mumps, Rubella/ MMR:** 2 doses required OR
 - Measles: 2 doses required
 - Mumps: 1 dose required
 - Rubella: 1 dose required
 - **Influenza:** 1 dose required from current season (not required for summer)
 - **Hepatitis B:** 1 series of 3 doses required (commonly takes 7 months to complete)
 - An accelerated series such as Twinrix is not an acceptable option. Series must be 3 doses or immunity can be proven through titer testing.
 - **COVID-19:**
 - EMS Program clinical sites currently RECOMMEND but do not require that EMS students be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. If clinical sites should make changes to again require the COVID-19 vaccine to attend clinical rotations, non-vaccinated students may not be able to complete the clinical rotations necessary to successfully complete EMS courses.
 - **REQUIRED SCREENING:**
 - **Tuberculosis Test:** within 1 year of start of program

MUST complete 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 drug screening. Screenings are administered through the College and will be at the student’s expense.
- ___ **Health Insurance and CPR:** Students are required to provide their own health insurance. A current American Heart Association BLS CPR Certification card, issued within the past year, is required.
- ___ **Additional requirements as detailed in the EMSP-1160 Canvas course** (online) must be completed by deadlines.