Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Certification Course (non-curriculum)

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) provide out-of-hospital emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical services (EMS) system. EMTs have the basic knowledge and skills necessary to stabilize and safely transport patients ranging from non-emergency and routine medical transports to life-threatening emergencies.

Emergency Medical Technicians function as part of a comprehensive EMS response system, under medical oversight. Emergency Medical Technicians perform interventions with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance. Emergency Medical Technicians are a critical link between the scene of an emergency and the health care system. (From the: *National EMS Scope of Practice Model:* United States. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. N.p., 2007. Web. https://www.ems.gov/education/EMSScope.pdf).

The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certificate course provides individuals with the knowledge, skills, and attributes to provide basic emergency medical care as an EMT for patients who access the emergency medical systems and/or non-emergency transport services and prepares graduates to enter the workforce.

Graduates of this course may be eligible to take state and/or national certification examinations. Employment opportunities include providers of emergency medical services, fire departments, rescue agencies, industry, educational and government agencies.

The EMT course consists of 240+ contact hours and includes classroom/lecture, lab, and clinical.

The traditional EMT course takes approximately six months to complete and when offered, courses are usually scheduled to begin in August or Jauary.

The EMT course normally meets two evenings per week, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm and approximately every other Saturday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Clinical begins when 75% of the class is completed and is generally coordinated by the instructor and scheduled with the EMS agencies based on the availability of the clinical sites and the student.

When classes are available for registration they will be published and advertised online at: https://www.stanly.edu/future-students/continuing-education/ems .

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Prerequisites for this course:

- 17 years of age on or before the official end date of the course.
- Possession of a high school diploma, high school equivalency or successful completion of an exam assessing basic reading comprehension skills at a minimum at the eleventh-grade level (CASAS).

Estimated Time Commitment and Cost:

- **The EMT course is a rigorous academic endeavor.** It requires class attendance and significant reading and study time outside of class. The EMT class requires attention and successful performance in cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) domains.

- **Tuition and Fees are due at Registration.** The EMT course tuition and fees will cost approximately **$255** (Includes Tuition of $180 and College Fees of $75, including the Student ID Badge, Accident Insurance, Malpractice, Technology and Lab Fees).

- **Textbooks, Subscriptions, and Uniforms.** The estimated cost of textbooks, subscriptions, and uniforms is **$483** and includes the following most of which are available from the SCC Bookstore.

   - Emergency Care & Transportation of the Sick & Injured Essentials Package, 12th edition, ISBN: 9781284246223 ($189)
   - EMT Exam Prep: Focused Prep Book and Study Guide for the NREMT Exam, 7th edition, ISBN: 9781506294742 ($26)
   - Ambulance Response Book (driving) ($20)
   - Platinum Education – EMS Testing Subscription ($52)
   - EMT Student Uniform Shirt (gray) ($46 each)
   - Other uniform items (pants, belt, boots, stethoscope, scissors, etc.) available from vendors of your choice, estimated at $150.

- **NC State Exam Fee:** The State of North Carolina now charges a fee of $68 for every EMT exam attempt.

- **Please note:** If you are associated with an Emergency Service Organization (Volunteer Fire Department, Rescue Squad, EMS, Law Enforcement) you will be tuition waived; however, the **college fees, course fees, and textbooks are not waived.**
   - If a tuition waiver is applicable, Students must provide a letter of affiliation and recommendation from the chief of their emergency service organization stating the student is a member in good standing.
- **If you are a member of an emergency service organization, you are encouraged to pre-register for the class by completing the online Pre-Registration / Emergency Service Application. This assists us with processing and applying the tuition waiver before registration.**
- **Students are encouraged to contact CE Coordinator Roy Poplin to obtain registration forms and instructions for online orientation and next steps at dpoplin2771@stanly.edu or 704-991-0217.**

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Additional Information:

- **Students will be required to show proof of specific vaccinations:**
  - 2 MMR or titer proving immunity,
  - Varicella or titer proving immunity,
  - Tetanus within the last 10 years,
  - Hepatitis B series 1st shot or titer must be completed by ride time,
  - Negative TB skin test, or QuantiFERON Gold Blood Test for TB
  - Seasonal Flu shot encouraged, may be required.
- **This course requires students to read on or above an 11th grade level.**
  - If you do not possess a High School Diploma or equivalent, please contact the SCC College and Career Readiness Department to schedule a CASAS testing appointment at (704) 991-0389.
- **Students should bring the following items with them on the 1st night of class:**
  - Valid NC Driver's license
  - High school transcripts indicating graduation or current high school students should complete additional forms for dual enrollment (available upon request)
  - If applicable – Students should provide a letter of recommendation from the Chief of their Volunteer Service organization indicating the student is in good standing.

Checklist

_____ **Step 1:** **Verify/complete pre-requisites.**
   a. Possession of a high school diploma, high school equivalency, **or**
   b. Schedule and complete a CASAS test assessing basic reading comprehension skills at a minimum at the eleventh-grade level.

_____ **Step 2**: **Register for the course and pay tuition and fees**.
   a. Contact Roy Poplin at dpoplin2771@stanly.edu or 704-9910217 to obtain and submit a registration form.
   b. If you believe you qualify for a tuition waiver, complete the pre-registration / emergency service application and submit the registration form.

_____ **Step 3:** **Obtain user name and password and complete online EMT orientation.**
   a. Upon being registered, we will send you information on the next steps, including how to obtain your SCC username and password, and we will provide you with a link to enroll and complete the EMT Course Online Orientation.

_____ **Step 4:** **Purchase/order required textbooks and supplies prior to class.**

_____ **Step 5:** **Gather/Copy Immunization Records, HS Diploma, Transcripts, or CASAS test results for submission on the first day of the course.**

If you are interested in this course and would like additional information, you may email questions to the EMS CE Coordinator at dpoplin2771@stanly.edu or call 704-991-0217, or you may contact the EMS Program Director at gshew4054@stanly.edu or 704-991-0186.