

## SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

### EMS Professions Diploma (EP12)

*Offered at Clarkesville and Blairsville Campuses*

Entrance Dates ..... Vary According to Campus  
 Length of Program..... 4 Terms  
 Credit Hours Required for Graduation ..... 45

**Purpose:** The EMS Professions diploma prepares students to move into the Paramedicine program at the diploma level. Successful completion of the program allows the graduate to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians AEMT certification examination and to apply for Georgia licensure as an AEMT. The primary focus of the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician is to provide basic and limited advanced emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance.

**Admission Requirements:**

- Age 18 or older
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores

**Program Requirements:**

- All learning support courses must be completed prior to enrolling in EMSP 1110.
- Must meet the technical competencies of the program (listed below).
- Must carry professional liability insurance while enrolled in the program.
- BLS certification required.
- An acceptable (negative) criminal background check and drug test are required prior to enrolling in any of the EMSP courses; participation in this program is dependent upon the results of these requirements.
- Required to complete a dental and physical examination and document up-to-date immunizations before placement in a clinical training site.
- Must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better; a grade of “C” or better must be achieved in each course in order to progress to the next semester of the program, including clinical internship.
- No re-admission to the program after two withdrawals or two academic failures in any occupational course.
- Completion of ALHS 1011 and ALHS 1090, with a “C” or better, prior to enrolling in any of the EMSP courses.

**Additional Information:**

- Students will be required to demonstrate competency during program exit testing. Students failing to meet established standards will not be able to graduate or take licensure exams. An established performance and remediation policy will be distributed during the final EMSP course.
- An individual applying to a certifying agency that has a misdemeanor or felony must explain and document each occurrence at the time of application. State agencies regulate licensure, which can be denied.

**Program Courses**

**Credits**

**Basic Skills Courses**

**Total 12 credit hours**

COLL	1010	College and Career Success Skills	3
ENGL	1010	Fundamentals of English I	3
MATH	1012	Foundations of Mathematics	3
PSYC	1010	Basic Psychology	3

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Occupational Courses	Total 33 credit hours
ALHS 1011 Structure and Function of the Human Body	5
ALHS 1090 Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences	2
EMSP 1110 Introduction to the EMT Profession	3
EMSP 1120 EMT Assessment/Airway Management and Pharmacology	3
EMSP 1130 Medical Emergencies for the EMT	3
EMSP 1140 Special Patient Populations	3
EMSP 1150 Shock and Trauma for the EMT	3
EMSP 1160 Clinical and Practical Applications for the EMT	1
EMSP 1510 Advanced Concepts for the AEMT	3
EMSP 1520 Advanced Patient Care for the AEMT	3
EMSP 1530 Clinical Applications for the AEMT	1
EMSP 1540 Clinical and Practical Applications for the AEMT	3

Estimated cost of books and supplies for full program is approximately \$1500. Price does not include the cost of required clinical shoes and uniforms which is approximately \$150. Other costs include: certification exam - \$250-\$300, drug test - \$35, criminal background check - \$50, Georgia licensing fees - \$100, EMS Testing - \$56.50, and malpractice insurance - \$46.50. These are approximate costs and subject to change.

### Technical Competencies:

Working Environment – Emergency medicine contains many potential risks. They may include cuts or infections from sharp instruments, contaminated equipment, or personnel; possible exposure to communicable diseases; and possible strains due to handling heavy equipment and patients.

OSHA Risk Factor – Category I – A chance of exposure to blood and other body fluids is high and is an integral component of the clinical experience. The student may be exposed to latex; noxious smells, either toxic or non-toxic; and toxic gases or liquids, any of which could possibly cause general or localized disabling conditions as a result of inhalation, ingestion, or action on the skin. HBV vaccination is recommended prior to clinical rotation.

Physical Demands – This position involves primarily medium work that requires frequent lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling of objects or equipment. Individuals enrolled in the program will need the physical ability to assist in lifting and carrying objects, such as patients or laboratory equipment, regardless of the weight of the patient or equipment. The ability to stoop, kneel, and reach; and exhibit general manual dexterity is required. The ability to express and exchange ideas by spoken word is required. The ability to see and obtain impressions through the eyes of shape, size, distance, color, motions, or other characteristics of objects is required. This requires a visual acuity of 20/20 vision, with clarity of vision of 20 inches or less, depth perception, four-way field vision, sharp eye focus, and ability to identify and distinguish color. The abilities to hear and smell are essential. This position requires frequent sitting, standing, and/or walking. The ability to work under frequent mental and physical stress is required. The ability to think critically is essential. Reliable transportation to the clinical site is essential.