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Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Certificate (EMH1)

Offered at Clarkesville and Blairsville Campuses

Entrance Dates Vary According to Campus
 Length of Program..... 1 Term
 Credit Hours Required for Graduation 10

Purpose: The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician certificate program prepares students 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. The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician is a link from the scene to the emergency health care system. Successful completion of the program allows the graduate to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians AEMT certification examination and apply for Georgia licensure as an AEMT.

Admission Requirements:

- Age 18 or older
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores
- Current certification and/or license as an EMT or EMT-Basic (with successful completion of Georgia State Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma EMT-B to EMT update course); or successful completion of the Emergency Medical Technician technical certificate of credit

Program Requirements:

- All learning support courses must be completed prior to enrolling in EMSP 1510.
- 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.
- A grade of “C” or better must be achieved in each course for graduation.
- No re-admission to the program after two withdrawals or two academic failures in any occupational course.

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

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

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Estimated cost of books and supplies for full program is approximately \$400. 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.

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Emergency Medical Technician Certificate (EMJ1)

Offered at Clarkesville and Blairsville Campuses

Entrance Dates Vary According to Campus
 Length of Program..... 2 Terms
 Credit Hours Required for Graduation 16

Purpose: The Emergency Medical Technician certificate program prepares students to provide basic 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. Emergency Medical Technicians function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Emergency Medical Technicians perform interventions with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance. The Emergency Medical Technician is a link from the scene to the emergency health care system. Successful completion of the program allows the graduate to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians EMT certification examination and apply for Georgia licensure as an EMT.

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.
- No re-admission to the program after two withdrawals or two academic failures in any occupational course.

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

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

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Pre-Hospital EMS Operations (PEO1)

Offered at Clarkesville and Blairsville Campuses

Entrance Dates Vary According to Campus
 Length of Program..... 3 Terms
 Credit Hours Required for Graduation 26

Purpose: The Pre-Hospital EMS Operations certificate program combines Emergency Medical Technician and Advance Emergency Medical Technician. This certificate prepares students to provide basic and limited advanced emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual will possess the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. This certificate allows the graduate to 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. The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician is a link from the scene to the emergency health care system. Successful completion of the program allows the graduate to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians AEMT certification examination and apply for Georgia licensure as an AEMT.

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- No re-admission to the program after two withdrawals or two academic failures in any occupational course.

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Program Courses

Credits

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EMSP 1140	Special Patient Populations	3
EMSP 1150	Shock and Trauma for the EMT	3
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