

EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE

Paramedic Technology

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

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THE CAREER

People's lives often depend on the guick reaction and competent care of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics. Incidents as varied as automobile accidents, heart attacks, slips and falls, childbirth and gunshot wounds all require immediate medical attention. EMTs and paramedics provide this vital service as they care for and transport the sick or injured to a medical

PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Those pursuing a career in this field should:

- Be emotionally stable enough to cope with emergencies and other stressors
- · Have good dexterity, agility and physical coordination
- · Be able to lift and carry heavy loads
- Be decisive and able to respond quickly

EMPLOYMENT AND SALARY INFORMATION

This profession is experiencing faster-than-average job growth, per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. By 2020, the number of positions is expected to increase by 33%

Earnings of EMTs and paramedics depend on the employment setting and geographic location of their jobs, as well as their training and experience. Median annual earnings of EMTs and paramedics were \$34,870 in May 2013.

The middle 50 percent earned between \$24,800 and \$41,470. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$20,420, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$54,710.

THE PROGRAM

East Central College serves as the regional training center for emergency medical services personnel. Accredited by the Missouri Bureau of Emergency Medical Service, the ECC Paramedic Technology program trains students to recognize, treat and transport patients with medical emergencies and

Prior to admittance to the program, students must first complete coursework leading to licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic in compliance with U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines. Once accepted, students have several tracks they can choose from: Certificate of Achievement, Associate of Applied Science degree or postlicensure refresher courses. Full-time students enrolled in the certificate track can expect to complete the program in 24 months, assuming appropriate placement scores.

The ECC paramedic technology curriculum combines classroom and laboratory activities with clinical experiences in an acute care setting. This allows students to learn the skills and techniques they will need in the actual work setting. The program utilizes a state-of-the-art clinical lab complete with high-fidelity human patient simulators and an ambulance.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed:

- ✓ High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation must be sent to the registration office)
- √ Application for admission
- ✓ A placement test as specified by the college (some coursework requires minimum placement results)

Additional Program Information

STANDARD OCCUPATIONAL CLASSIFICATION (SOC) 29-2041.00

> JOB PLACEMENT RATE 100 percent

TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES \$4,512 (In-District); \$6,000 (Out-of-District)

> **BOOKS AND SUPPLIES** \$567.80

OTHER FEES AND EXPENSES \$547



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CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT COURSEWORK

Course		Hours
SC 1000	Laboratory Safety for Students	0
BI 1804	Introduction to Anatomy & Physiolo Lecture/Lab	ogy 4
EM 1064	Introduction to Paramedic Technolo	ogy 4
EM 1072	Introduction to Paramedic Clinical	2
EM 1116	Paramedic 1A	6
EM 1126	Paramedic 1B	6
EM 1131	Paramedic 1B Clinical	1
EM 1215	Paramedic 2A Lecture	5
EM 1221	Paramedic 2A Clinical	1
EM 1226	Paramedic 2B Lecture	6
EM 1231	Paramedic 2B Clinical	1
EM 1031	Advanced Cardiac Life Support	1
EM 1041	Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support	1
EM 1326	Paramedic 3 Lecture	6
EM 1331	Paramedic 3 Clinical	1
EM 1323	Paramedic 4 Lecture	3
EM 1351	Pediatric Advanced Life Support	1
	Total Credit Hours	49

TO CONVERT A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT INTO AN ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE, STUDENTS ALSO NEED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING:

Course		Hours
FS 1000 FS 1001	Campus Orientation/ Foundation Seminar	1
EN 1223 EN 1233	English Comp I or Honors English Comp I	3
EN 1333 EN 1403	English Comp II or Technical Writing	3
HI 1000/		
PS 1000	Constitutions Study Module	0
	History or Pol. Science Requirement	3
	PE Requirement	1
MT 1303	Intermediate Algebra	3
CT 1103	Public Speaking or	
CT 1003	Oral Communications	3
	Total Credit Hours	17

Prerequisite Coursework

In addition, ECC Paramedic Technology students need to complete the following prerequisite courses prior to admittance to either the certificate or degree program. This coursework leads to licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic in compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines.

EM 1028	EMT Lecture	8
EM 1051	EMT Clinical	1
	(or current licensure as a MO-EMT Basic)	
EM 1011	BLS/Healthcare Providers	0.5
	Total Credit Hours	9.5

