



# Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

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## Job Description

An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is a person who has been trained to render immediate care for the sick and injured. The job of an EMT is multifaceted, presenting numerous challenges in a variety of emergency environments. An EMT may work in an ambulance or in a hospital emergency department. This course is excellent for people considering careers in fire, police, security, or as a Physician's Assistant.

## Employment Outlook

EMTs are projected by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to have up to a 15% job growth from 2016 to 2026. Earning potential for a professional working in this area is approximately \$35,000 to \$37,000.

## Admission Requirements

An applicant for the EMT training course must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or the equivalent. Students under 18 may take this course with parents' permission, and must be 16 by the course completion. Students over the age of 18 receive both CT and national certification; under 18 receive the CT certification ONLY. High school subjects recommended for persons interested in becoming an EMT are driver education and health and science courses. Armed forces medic training is also considered good preparation for prospective EMTs.



Immunizations are required for the clinical portion of this course at Johnson Memorial Hospital. The immunization form may be obtained in the Office of Workforce Development and Continuing Education, Room 155.

Students who participate in this program should be able to:

- Lift, carry and balance up to 125 pounds.
- Be unaffected by loud noises and flashing lights.
- Stoop, crawl, and withstand varied environmental conditions such as extreme heat, cold and moisture.
- Work in low light situations and confined spaces.
- Work with other providers to make appropriate patient care decisions, make good judgement and remain calm in stressful situations.

## **Program Description**

This course prepares students to take the State of Connecticut Certified EMT examination and the national board certification exam. The program includes weekly distance learning quizzes on the text companion website. Online certification training in NIMS and OSHA requirements are an additional 15 hours of training. All students must have Internet access to take this course. Ten hours of clinical training and eight hours of practicum experiential learning are included as a mandatory part of the EMT program and are scheduled during non-classroom hours, based on student choice. Additionally, students have the option to ride in an ambulance as an observer for 17 hours.

This program is **CT SNAP & CT WIOA** approved.

## **College Credits Available**

Students who have successfully completed the EMT program and have been certified by the State of Connecticut are eligible to receive 4 college credits through the Connecticut Credit Assessment Program administered by Charter Oak State College. Students should request a copy of their program transcript be sent to Charter Oak. Credits may be used at Charter Oak State College or transferred to another school by setting up a credit registry with Charter Oak. (Any transfer credit is at the discretion of the receiving institution.) <http://www.charteroak.edu/current/programs/creditregistry.cfm>.

Please be advised that if you have been convicted of a felony, you may not be eligible for clinical experiences, internships, externships or certifications associated with certain Healthcare Career programs. Those with previous convictions may also find it difficult to secure employment within a healthcare setting.

## **Time Commitment**

This program includes 160 hours of classroom instruction, 10 hours of clinical training, and 15 hours of online instruction.

CRN: TBA HMED M5005

Date: TBA Fall 2018

Days: Tuesday and Thursday

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Instructor: Lisa Shelanskas, NR Paramedic, EMS I, BS ChEngr

Room: Café II

Fee: \$1,167 (Cost includes textbooks and exams)

## **Payment Information**

Total cost is \$1,167 including textbooks and board exams. Payment plans are available for this program. This program is **CT SNAP & CT WIOA** approved.

## **Contact Information**

For more information or to register please contact Sue Champagne at 860.253.3034 or [schampagne@asnuntuck.edu](mailto:schampagne@asnuntuck.edu) .