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Emergency Medical Services

EMT/Paramedic Programs are Available at the Following Community Colleges:

EMT I

Allan Hancock College
American River College
Antelope Valley College
Bakersfield College
Barstow College
Butte College
Cabrillo College
Cerritos College
Cerro Coso College
Chabot College
Citrus College
City College of San Francisco
College of Marin
College of the Canyons
College of the Desert
College of the Redwoods
College of the Sequoias
College of the Siskiyous
Columbia College
Consumnes River College
Contra Costa College
Copper Mountain College
Crafton Hills College
Cuesta College
El Camino College
Feather River College
Foothill College
Fresno City College
Glendale College
Hartnell College
Imperial Valley College
Lake Tahoe College
Lassen College
Long Beach City College
Los Angeles Harbor College
Los Angeles Valley College
Los Medanos
Los Positas College
Mendocino College
Merced College
Mission College
Monterey Peninsula College
Moorpark College
Mount San Antonio College
Mt. San Jacinto College
Napa Valley College
Orange Coast College

Palo Verde College
Palomar College
Pasadena City College
Rio Hondo College
Riverside College
Saddleback College
San Jose City College
Santa Ana College
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Rosa Junior College
Shasta College
Sierra College
Skyline College
Solano College
Southwestern College
Ventura College
Victor Valley College
West Hills College
Yuba College

EMT II

Lassen College
Mendocino College
Porterville College

Paramedic

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For more information, please contact one of the colleges listed above or explore the web resources. For additional information regarding this brochure please contact: North/Far North Regional Health Occupations Resource Center at (530) 879-9069.



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EMT Facts and Job Opportunities

The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics projects employment of EMTs and Paramedics will increase by 39,000 new jobs between 2006 and 2016, an estimated growth rate of 19%. Many job openings will arise from the need to replace workers who leave the occupation because of the limited potential for advancement, as well as the modest pay and lack of good benefits in the private-sector.

According to the National Association of EMTs, most EMTs (37.6%) are employed by fire departments, 24.3% represent county or municipal-based services, 21.7% are from volunteer rescue services and 15.5% are from hospital-based services (including private ambulance companies).



What does an Emergency Medical Technician Do?

“EMTs” and Paramedics are typically dispatched via the 911 Emergency Medical Services dispatcher to the location of an ill or injured person. Working with other pre-hospital care personnel, they quickly assess the patient’s medical condition, and then follow pre-established medical protocols to administer appropriate medical care. This prompt support and intervention is often life-saving.

Personal Characteristics and Working Conditions

- Desire to help others in emergency situations.
- Ability to remain calm under stressful and often dangerous situations.
- Ability to think quickly with good assessment skills.
- Ability to work well under pressure.
- Good communication skills and the ability to follow directions when requested by superiors.
- Ability to work well in a team
- Mechanical aptitude with good manual dexterity.
- Excellent physical health and tolerance for working in a variety of outdoor conditions.
- Tolerance for working with blood-borne pathogens and body fluids.
- Stamina to work 12 or 24 hour shifts and/or nights, weekends and holidays.



Education and Licensure

In the State of California, a high school diploma and an American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR card are prerequisites before starting EMT training. There are 3 levels of training: First Responder Training (which is required for all firefighters, police, day camp employees, and lifeguards), EMT I (Basic) Training, EMT II (Intermediate, only available in designated counties in CA.) and Paramedic certification. Training is progressive, building on experience and knowledge until advancing to a Paramedic level. Each step of advancement has specific training requirements in addition to continuing education classes required for recertification. Check with the California Emergency Medical Services Authority at: <http://www.emsa.ca.gov> for more information.

How Much Can I Earn?

Salary range for EMTs vary by work setting and experience level, as well as by geographical location. In 2008, median EMT salary is \$30,982. Salaries vary widely throughout California. For example, in Sacramento, the median EMT salary is \$30,129 while in Ventura, it is \$42,010.



Sources for Further Information About Emergency Medical Services:

National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians:

<http://www.naemt.org/aboutEMSAndCareers/>

Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics:

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos101.htm>

Technician Salaries

<http://www.techniciansalaries.com/profession/emt.html>

EMSresource.net

<http://emsresource.net>

EMT/Paramedic Training provides a solid foundation for career ladder opportunities such as: Emergency Department Physicians, Trauma & ER Nurses, Physician Assistants and Emergency Medevac flight teams.

For a directory of all allied health programs offered at California's Community Colleges: www.healthoccupations.org/cchealth/