

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

General Information

The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program consists of 160 hours, which includes 24 hours of emergency room. The program provides the student with foundational skills, knowledge and assessment techniques to care for an ill or injured person in the pre-hospital setting, as part of a mobile emergency team. The program follows state regulations, as well as the United States Department of Transportation's Emergency Medical Technician-Basic National Standard Curriculum (DOT HS 808 149). Successful completion of the program leads to eligibility to take the National Registry examination for certification as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic. Successful completion of the National Registry examination enables the student to become certified through the State of California Emergency Medical Services Authority, as well as the local EMS department.

EMTs are employed by ambulance companies, Fire Departments, Hospital Emergency Rooms and by some private industries to provide emergency care in case of illness or injury. The course is required for ambulance personnel, the California Highway Patrol and many other first-care providers. Students may later choose to become paramedics.

Enrollment

Students should register for the EMTC B50 course (8 units) online. The course is offered each fall and spring, two evenings per week for 16 weeks or summer, Monday-Thursday evenings for 8 weeks.

Prerequisite Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age by the end of the class
- Must possess a current American Heart Association Basic Life Support Healthcare Provider card

Basic Life Support (Formerly CPR)

Prior to the beginning of the EMT Program, and then throughout the program, students are required to show proof of a valid **American Heart Association Basic Life Support Healthcare Provider card**. **This BLS card must be valid until the end of the EMT Program.** It is the student's responsibility to obtain a current BLS card, to scan and upload a copy to their electronic portfolio, and to carry a copy of this card while attending clinical in the healthcare facilities.

Physical Examination Requirements

A physical examination completed by a physician of the student's choice is required when entering the EMT Program to demonstrate that a student meets the following technical standards necessary to meet the program objectives. Appropriate immunizations are also required and are performed at the student's expense.

Essential Technical Standards

Students must meet the following essential technical standards to ensure the safety and welfare of the patients, the healthcare team, and themselves. A physical examination performed by a medical doctor determines whether a student meets the technical standards or any accommodations that may be necessary.

- Standing and/or walking most of a shift.
- Bending or crouching several times per hour.
- Lifting and carrying a minimum of 30 pounds several times an hour.
- Lifting and moving up to 300 pounds. with the assistance of 2-3 persons.
- Reaching overhead above the shoulder 90 degrees.
- Utilizing eyesight to observe clients and manipulate equipment under various illumination levels.
- Hearing to communicate with the patient and healthcare team.
- Manipulating medical equipment and accessories, including but not limited to switches, knobs, buttons, keyboards, patient lines and tubes, utilizing fine and gross motor skills.
- Performing the assigned job responsibilities with the intellectual and emotional functions necessary to ensure patient safety, and exercise independent judgment and discretion.
- Utilizing sufficient verbal and written skills to efficiently communicate in English with the patient and healthcare team.
- Utilizing the above standards/functions to respond promptly to the patient's needs and/or emergency situations.

Drug/Alcohol Screening

As a condition of application in any Allied Health Program with a clinical laboratory component, students are required to submit to and pass a designated drug and alcohol screening at the student's expense.

Background Screening

Every student enrolled in the EMT Program will be required to submit to a background screening (at the student's expense) as part of his or her clinical requirements for admission. Please note the following:

- A history of felony conviction(s) or any bar, exclusion or other ineligibility for federal program participation could render a student ineligible for clinical placement, as determined by the clinical agencies.
- If a student cannot obtain background clearance from the clinical agencies, it will not be possible to place the student in the clinical areas, which is a required component of the program.
- In the event that a student cannot obtain a background clearance, their space will be forfeited.

- Students who are found to be ineligible for clinical placement by the clinical agency after admission to the program shall be subject to dismissal from the program, as they will be unable to complete mandatory clinical rotations.

Additional Course Supply/Cost Information

Students will be required to purchase an online portfolio, supplies, textbooks, and provide transportation to off-campus clinical education sites, as well as pay current college fees.

EMT Program Course Completion Challenge Process

As mandated by California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 1, Section 100078; the EMT Program course completion may be challenged by examination. Candidates who believe they qualify for the challenge process must meet with the Program Director to determine eligibility and give notification of their intent to challenge. The course challenge process will meet all state mandated requirements as well as all College Academic Regulations (KCCD Board Policy, 4C1). The challenge examination will consist of a competency-based written and skills examination to test knowledge of the topics and skills described in the United States Department of Transportation's Emergency Medical Technician-Basic National Standard Curriculum (DOT HS 808 149).

Certification Eligibility

Students with a misdemeanor and/or felony arrest conviction, either current or prior, may not receive certification or licensure from the State or County and may not be eligible to finish the program. Also, proof of citizenship (social security card and certified birth certificate) and fingerprinting are required by State certification/licensure agencies. Anyone who wishes clarification may contact the Kern County Emergency Medical Services Office at (661) 868-5200.

Certification Examination

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be eligible to sit for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) EMT-Basic examination.

Accreditation and Program Approval

Bakersfield College is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program is approved by Kern County Emergency Medical Services and meets all State and County requirements.

Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Statement

In accordance with the requirements of the Civil Rights Act, Bakersfield College provides services and benefits to students regardless of race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender age, religion, marital status, medical condition or disability. The lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to administration and participation in vocational education programs. (Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended).