

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, CAREER PATHWAY CERTIFICATE

Program Code: CC.EMTECH

This program includes the courses students must successfully complete before they are eligible to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) certification exam, and then apply for a license to practice as an EMT in Oregon. This certificate includes the first three courses in the Emergency Medical Technology Certificate Program. Students that successfully complete this program can then choose to move on to the Emergency Medical Technology Certificate.

Outcomes

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Upon successful completion of this program, students should be able to:

- independently conduct a prehospital patient assessment and adapt elements of the scene, primary, secondary and ongoing assessments to a patient's chief complaint, nature of illness or mechanism of injury;
- initiate care that correctly reflects the severity and priorities of the acute patient condition(s) in accordance with accepted prehospital standards of care;
- perform interventions within the Oregon scope of practice without causing uncorrectable risk or harm to a patient;
- generate a field impression that is logically based on the obvious, acute signs and symptoms presented by the patient and aligns with correct medical knowledge of the condition(s);
- integrate clinical knowledge and nationally recognized clinical standards, scope of practice, standing orders and/or medical direction when examining the risks and benefits of interventions and transport decisions;
- demonstrate actions regarding patient interventions that reflect the correct indications, precautions and contraindications outlined in current medical standards and knowledge;
- actively assess for relevant hazards and safety risks during a patient encounter;
- communicate findings and takes actions to prevent or minimize said risks;
- identify the need for additional resources or a higher level of care and requests the assistance in a timely manner;
- recognize a time-sensitive emergency and initiate the steps to activate a regional system of care;
- demonstrate, implement and practice the principles of empathy, cultural sensitivity and responsiveness during interactions with patients and family members;
- demonstrate, implement, and practice therapeutic communication throughout a patient encounter;
- examine the common and personal barriers to effective communication as they relate to their own practice and develops a plan for improvement;
- contribute to the patient encounter as a team member in ways that enhance the coordination and direction of the tasks required for care and transport;
- employ leadership responsibilities including the setting and communicating of scene priorities, delegation of tasks and meaningful engagement with team members when practicing as a team leader;
- provide a patient hand-off report in a clear and succinct fashion when transferring care;
- apply national and state standards of prehospital documentation that demonstrate accurate reflection of specific patient findings and treatments;
- assess their own strengths, weaknesses and limits in their knowledge, abilities, and performance as an EMT;
- set realistic learning goals within the course with success criteria;
- revise goals and criteria based on reflection and feedback from instructors and students;
- demonstrate national, state and program standards for professional behavior in all learning environments (clinical and classroom);
- employ the correct ethical and medicolegal principles within the processes of critical thinking when addressing situational, cultural, interpersonal or treatment-related ethical dilemmas;
- provide objective observations and constructive feedback to fellow students when evaluating individual and team performance.

Requirements

Fall Term		Credits
EMT-105	Introduction to Emergency Medical Services	3
Credits		3
Winter Term		Credits
EMT-101	Emergency Medical Technician Part I	6
Credits		6
Spring Term		Credits
EMT-102	Emergency Medical Technician Part II	6
Credits		6
Total Credits		15

All courses must be passed with a C or better

Required: Criminal history background check, proof of immunization, and drug test arranged by the department