

Foothill College Middlefield Campus

Emergency Medical Technician

Program Information Guide

Often, the first personnel to arrive at the scene of an emergency is an EMT. An EMT may be a firefighter, ambulance attendant, lifeguard, park ranger, member of a search & rescue team, nurse, or member of a ski patrol. Many police officers, private security personnel, and occupational safety team members are EMT educated. EMT training and experience is the foundation needed for those who desire to become a paramedic.

Employment opportunities vary depending upon job title, location of job, work shift, and education. Salaries could range from \$30,000 - \$40,000 depending on the factors listed. Dual trained personnel, such as an EMT/Firefighter could earn \$50,000 - \$80,000 a year.

EMT curriculum includes lectures on anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, communicable diseases, scene and patient assessment and medical and trauma management. EMT skill labs include the use of "real life" scenarios during which students communicate with fire and police department responders, and manage the care and transportation of the patient. Students who attain a basic skills level in the classroom must complete a mandatory ten-hour fire department or ambulance ride along, and hospital emergency room rotation. This is arranged by the college and is in addition to classroom hours. All students must have current immunizations.

When all course requirements are satisfactorily completed, a Certificate of Program Completion is awarded and student credentials are presented to a county Emergency medical Services Office for certifications to be issued. National registry exams can be taken following course completion. A grade of "C" or better is required for all courses.

The program starts with the prerequisite class, **Health 55**, which leads into a 2-quarter **EMT 304** and **EMT 305** class sequence. The entire process takes 9 months to complete.

For the EMT class schedule, visit <http://www.foothill.edu/schedule/schedule.php> and select "Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)" for the Department

For the Health 55 class schedule, visit <http://www.foothill.edu/schedule/schedule.php> and select "Health (HLTH)" for the Department

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