

Citrus College

# Emergency Medical Technician



The Citrus College Emergency Medical Technician class can provide you with the skills and training necessary to work in the growing health care field as an EMT-B.

The Emergency Medical Technician-Basic class integrates anatomy and physiology with basic life support skills, trauma care, expanded scope of practice, emergency vehicle operations and professional behavior. The student will have real experience in a local emergency department and in an ambulance. They will qualify for the Los Angeles County and National Registry Certification.

While at the scene of an emergency, during transport of the sick or injured, or during a rescue situation, the emergency medical technician may render basic life support and

first aid to a patient. EMTs can work for an ambulance service, a hospital emergency department, a search and rescue agency, a clinic, or an ambulatory care facility.



EMT's provide care to the sick and injured under emergency and non-emergency conditions. The EMT-Basic has the emergency skills to assess a patient's condition and manage respiratory, cardiac and trauma emergencies. EMT's maintain a variety of specialized equipment, drive ambulances, lift and carry patients up and down stairs, and communicate orally and in writing to other health care professionals.

Most EMT's work 8, 10, 12, 24 or 48 hour shifts, often having several days off. This is not only physically strenuous, often it can be stressful, sometimes involving life or death situations and suffering patients. Nevertheless, many people find the work exciting and challenging and enjoy the opportunity to help others.

## Characteristics Required

Ability to:

- Give and receive verbal and written instructions and communicate in English with the patient, bystanders, and other members of the EMS system.
- Visualize objects from pictures, drawings and descriptions, as well as read and properly interpret written instructions, policies and protocols.
- Exhibit physical coordination and the ability to kneel, lift, carry up to 125 pounds, climb, stoop and extricate the patient.
- Possess manual dexterity to use all EMS equipment; demonstrate self-confidence, emotional stability, and the ability to remain in control in stressful situations.
- Lead and work with people under emergency or crisis situations; demonstrate self-directed behavior; control the scene; organize bystanders and deliver proper, prioritized care rapidly and efficiently.
- Recognize a medical emergency, make clinical judgements and think rapidly and critically.



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## 2008 Career Update

Much faster than average growth is projected through 2016. Most fire departments are requiring EMT and/or paramedic certification for the firefighter position.

## Pay

Depends on location and type of employer:

Entry level: \$18,000-23,000/year

Top pay: \$37,000-47,000/year

(Source: Lane Braver)

## Preparation Required

High school diploma or equivalent, 18 years of age. No felony convictions. Good health.

## Typical Employers

Fire Departments  
Private Ambulance Agencies  
Hospitals  
Health Care Facilities  
Amusement Parks  
Movie Studio

## College Admission

Admission to Citrus College is open to high school graduates and any person 18 years of age or over.

To enroll, submit an application for admission online at:

<https://wingspan.citruscollege.edu>

New students enrolled in five or more units and planning to earn an associate degree, a certificate of achievement, or a skill award must take an English and math skills assessment. In addition, new students who plan to enroll in English, mathematics or reading classes must participate in the skills assessment process.

## Concurrent Enrollment for High School Students

Some programs and classes are available to current junior and senior high school students. Interested students should contact their high school counselor or the college's Admissions and Records Office.

## Associate Degree

For an associate degree, a student must complete 60 degree applicable units of work and fulfill specific general education requirements, including electives and physical education. A cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 ("C") or above is required.

For detailed information, refer to the college catalog or consult a counselor.

## Transfer Requirements

Transfer requirements can be integrated with the associate degree option so that you may receive a degree at the time of transfer. **See a counselor for specific requirements for your major. Course requirements may vary among colleges.**

## For more information

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Admissions and Records  
(626) 914-8511

Campus Tours  
(626) 857-4162

Career and Transfer Center  
(626) 914-8639

Counseling and Advisement Center  
(626) 914-8530

Financial Aid  
(626) 914-8592

General Information  
(626) 963-0323

Student Activities  
(626) 914-8601

Testing Center  
(626) 857-4035

- Non-Transferable
- Skill Award
- Students are eligible to take the National Registry EMT-B examination
- Day Classes
- Evening Classes
- Assessment test required for associate degree certificate and transfer students.
- Financial aid is available to qualified students. Complete and submit FAFSA to determine your eligibility.

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