



EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE

Program Support: EMT@tacomacc.edu or 253.566.5113

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The EMT Program at Tacoma Community College trains students in **fundamental** emergency medical procedures including, but not limited to:

- HIV/HBV Prevention
- Baseline Vitals
- Lifting and Moving of Patients
- Airway Management
- Communication and Documentation
- General Pharmacology
- Respiratory, Cardiovascular, Behavioral and other Emergencies
- Bleeding and Shock
- Injuries to Head and Spine
- Diabetes and Allergies
- Poisonings
- Infant and Child Emergency Care

This course adheres to the U.S. Department of Transportation Guidelines and the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services standards. Admission into the EMT courses (EMC 110 and EMC 111) are regulated by the State of Washington.

Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a Certificate of Completion from Tacoma Community College. This Certificate of Completion, in combination with a high school diploma or GED, will enable students to participate in the national registry testing process (NREMT). After successfully passing this exam, the student will be eligible to apply for work as an EMT.

The EMT Certificate helps students partially fulfill prerequisites for entry into the EMS-Paramedic Program at Tacoma Community College. Students seeking additional information or detailed application requirements for the Paramedic Program are encouraged to visit:

https://www.tacomacc.edu/academics-programs/programs/ems/paramedic_program.

Tacoma Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, or disability.

POSSIBLE FUTURE OFFERINGS

There will generally be three options for EMT courses offered for the academic year:

1. **Community-based location:** Specifically designed to enhance options for access in underserved Tacoma neighborhoods. Tacoma’s East Side is the anticipated community site. Classes will typically meet Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
2. **IBEST offering:** Provides academic and additional wraparound supports, particularly for adults and second language learners without college credit or experience. Classes will typically meet Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
3. **Traditional course offering:** Classes will typically meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., and then every other Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (total of 5 Saturdays).

Due to the high volume of interest in the EMT program, TCC will select applicants for specialty cohorts based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to, application completion, location, academic preparation, etc. All others will be randomly selected via a lottery-based system. We anticipate all cohort offerings will be in person. During COVID -19, some offerings MAY have one day per week where class will be held via Zoom. This day and time will be mandatory and synchronous. This information will be identified upon enrollment. This is subject to change.

The online application for the Emergency Medical Technician program is accessible at <https://tacomacc.embarc.com/apply/emt2022>. After clicking the link to apply, applicants will need to create an account/register to login.

Please note this application does not require you to be a current TCC student. Though if accepted into the program, candidates will need to apply for admission to TCC to complete the registration process.

For enrollment information: <https://www.tacomacc.edu/costs-admission/admission-process/>

APPROXIMATE PROGRAM COST

FEES	EMC 110 and 111 (12 credits)	EMC 112 (4 credits) (recertification)
Tuition/fees	\$1,414.92	
Course Fee	\$100	\$419.00
Textbook with workbook	\$168.95 up to \$237.95	\$168.95 up to \$237.95
National & State Background Check	\$71.80	\$71.80
Parking Permit	\$15.00	\$15.00
Name tag	\$5.50	\$5.50
Drug Testing	\$30.00	\$30.00
Health Immunizations	Up to \$700 (depends on insurance, immunizations)	
TOTAL COST FOR CLASS (see variables)	Up to \$2,575.17	Up to \$1479.25

Tuition and fees are estimates based on 2021-2022 Washington resident rates. Due to variations in books, disposables, and other associated costs, prices are subject to change without notice.

- The textbook, *AAOS Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured, 12th Edition* and the corresponding workbook should be purchased before the quarter starts.
- The National & State Background Check is provided through Verified Credentials. You will receive instructions for ordering your national & state background check through Verified Credentials on the 1st day of class. Do not order the background check prior to instruction (and receipt of appropriate codes) from the program faculty. Verified Credentials does not offer refunds or credits under any circumstances and proceeding with instruction will result in extra cost for the student.
- The Parking Permit is purchased at the Cashier's office (Bldg. 14), and then may be picked up at the Security office (Bldg. 14).
- Drug Testing: Clinical agencies are required to maintain a drug free workplace that promotes a safe and healthy work environment and is in compliance with applicable laws. Clinical sites may require students in their facilities to complete a drug screen. Additional fees may be incurred by the student.
- Course Fees include costs for Clinical Placements Northwest and NREMT psychomotor exam.
- Immunizations should be started at least 30 days prior to class start. Failure to do so will likely impact the student's ability to successfully complete the clinical portion of the course. *See immunization information below.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

- I have graduated from high school or have my G.E.D., or will obtain prior to certification testing.
- I will be 18 years of age prior to clinical placement.
- I have a government issued form of photo identification.
- I have documentation to reflect reading and writing skills (unofficial high school or college transcript, GED), or documentation demonstrating placement using alternative measures of English or Math. See [Multiple/Alternative Measures](#).
- I understand that proof of immunizations or immunity by titer are due at the beginning of class. Failure to provide this documentation on time, will likely impact my ability to successfully complete the clinical portion of the course. See immunization requirements below.

IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIREMENTS

Proof of immunity or proof of vaccinations are mandated by clinical sites and therefore are required for participation in the TCC EMT program. * **Currently, the state is not requiring students to participate in clinical rotations with our healthcare partners. This is subject to change.** If clinical rotation becomes required for curriculum, **EMT students must provide documentation of the following at the beginning of class:**

Tuberculosis (must be less than one year from the last date of the quarter you are in class):
Quantiferon blood draw
If history of a positive TB skin test, a negative chest x-ray report must be submitted.

Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Rubella (MMR)

Option A: Proof of TWO vaccines given at least 28 days apart

Option B: Proof of immunity by titer

If vaccinated prior to 1968, must be re-vaccinated

Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)

Proof of Tdap vaccine after age 11

AND Proof of Tdap vaccine in the last 10 years

Hepatitis B

Option A: Titer draw showing proof of immunity.

Option B: Proof of 3 shot series **PLUS** a titer draw showing proof of immunity.

Option C: Never had the series or had a negative titer result, will need to show proof that they have started the series or are restarting the series.

Influenza

Must have been received AFTER August 31 of the academic year. Not required Summer Quarter.

Chicken Pox (Varicella)

Option A: Proof of TWO vaccines given at least 28 days apart.

Option B: Proof of immunity by titer.

COVID-19

At least two weeks have passed since receiving the second dose of a 2-dose vaccine series (Moderna or Pfizer), or at least two weeks after receiving a single dose (Johnson & Johnson). Regardless of clinical status, TCC requires all students participating in in-person learning to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This includes EMT.