



## Emergency Medical Technician Program General Information

The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course is offered as a full year course @ the Birdville Center of Technology & Advanced Learning. The TCC portion of the course begins the first day of classes in August & ends around the second week of May. The BISD portion of the course begins the first day of classes in August & ends the last day of school in May.

Participation in the EMT course is dependent on approval of application process. Students must meet all eligibility requirements for enrollment @ Tarrant County College as a credit student. Once acceptance into the program is complete, students must make sure their registration in the course is completed on their home campus.

### Course Schedule

#### Fall Semester:

- CPR Certification
- Skills &/or Lecture
- Vital Signs Practice Packet Completion
- Daily cognitive reinforcement via worksheets, scenarios, vocabulary quizzes
- 3-4 major exams
- Clinical ride outs with fire department and emergency departments.
- Fall Skills & Cognitive Final

#### Spring Semester:

- Skills &/or Lecture
- Daily cognitive reinforcement via worksheets, scenarios, vocabulary quizzes
- 4-5 major exams
- Clinical ride outs with fire department and emergency departments.
- Spring Course Comprehensive Cognitive Final
- Skills Exams for National Register Certification Exam

**TCC Course Registration:** students will be enrolled in 2 sections worth 6 total credit hours (EMSP 1501 – includes your lecture & labs & EMSP 1160 – is your clinical ride outs).

### Course Requirements:

**Textbooks:** The primary textbook is the most recent edition of *Emergency Care & Transportation of the Sick & Injured* published by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. The other book used in this course is the most recent edition of *AAOS BLS Skills Review* published by Jones & Bartlett written by Jeff McDonald.

**Criminal Background Check & Drug Screen:** Participation in clinical rotations will require each student to submit to a criminal background check & drug screen. These screening will be performed through the standard college channels at the student's expense.

**CPR:** Prior to the start of clinical rotations *ALL* EMT students must hold a valid *American Heart Association, Healthcare Provider, Course Completion Card* (or equivalent). This card must have been issued within 12 months prior to the start of class. Students who do not currently hold a valid card will be certified during the first week of school during EMT class.

**Weekend Classes:** In addition to the regular weekly class meetings, you will be required to attend **at least one class per semester** that will be held on a **Saturday**, from **8:00am to 5:00pm**. You will be given the exact date with plenty of time to adjust your schedule. This class is **mandatory** & it is essential that you make the necessary arrangements to attend.

**Clinical Rotations:** The clinical component of this program requires that you complete a minimum of three 12-hour emergency room rotations; and four 12-hour ambulance/fire department rotations. These rotations are completed outside the regular class times. These rotations must be scheduled through TCC with contracted facilities. It is the responsibility of each student to keep track of the hours completed. All clinical rotations must be completed by the end of April. Any student who does not complete this component of the course will not be eligible to sit for the certification exam.

**Physical Examination & Proof of Immunizations & Medical Insurance:** All students involved in clinical rotations must complete a physical examination with a physician. This exam must be documented on a ***TCC Health Sciences Department Immunization & Health Record Form***, and must include all requested information. A physician's acknowledgment of immunizations must include immunity to diphtheria/tetanus, hepatitis B (normally requires 6 months to complete series), measles (rubeola), mumps, rubella, & varicella. A Hepatitis A series is strongly recommended. A screening to determine the presence of tuberculosis is also required. All students **MUST** submit **proof of medical insurance coverage** prior to participation in clinical rotations. ***Students CANNOT begin clinical rotations until ALL aspects of the physical exam, immunizations & Medical Insurance requirements are completed.***

**Professional Appearance & Attitude:** All students are required, from the first day of class, to present themselves in a professional manner in both appearance & attitude. Although individual expression has its place, Emergency Medical Services, Fire service, & health care are not among them. **Hair** should be neat & clean. **Facial hair** is limited to simple mustaches. **No** visible body piercing or tattoos are permitted. **Hats** are not permitted.

The EMS Program has adopted a ***"Practice as you Play"*** policy for skills performance. This policy requires students to be appropriately dressed for all clinical rotations & skills practice sessions, & includes the wearing of gloves & eye protection. This policy is for your safety & is not negotiable. Students inappropriately attired will not be permitted to participate in clinical rotations or skills practice.

**Estimated Expenses:** Tuition & fees must be paid by the second Friday in September. Estimated tuition is \$300. In addition to tuition & fees required @ the time of registration, several other expenses will be incurred.

***Please be prepared for:***

Tuition Your Portion - \$300 (BISD will pay \$1100. Per student for Tuition)  
Textbooks, manuals & clinical forms - \$130.  
Clinical Uniform - \$70 - \$150.  
Drug Screen & Background check fee - \$60.  
Physical Exam - \$55 - \$80.  
Hepatitis Vaccine Series - \$50 per injection (3 injection total)  
Medial Equipment (stethoscope, BP cuff, pen light, safety glasses, & gloves) - \$75.  
TCC Identification fee - \$6.  
Meals @ Clinical Rotations - \$80.  
Texas Department of Health Certification Application Fee - \$68.  
National Registry of EMT fee - \$70.

***These fees are approximates & are subject to change.***

**Special Considerations:** Graduates who are less than 18 years old may be unable to find work with ambulance providers. Many insurance carriers will not permit ambulance providers to hire persons less than 18 years old. However, jobs may be available in hospital departments.

Potential students should be aware of the graphic nature of this course. Clinical rotations are scheduled in **REAL** Emergency Departments, treating **REAL** people with **REAL** problems. This is not a first aid course. If you have a weak stomach or delicate constitution you should strongly consider your ability to participate in this program.

During clinical rotations you may encounter situations which will place you in danger of injury or death. These dangers may include violent situations like riots, gang fights, shootings or stabbings, motor vehicle accidents, fire grounds, abusive patients, & infectious diseases. **You are responsible for providing you own health & accident insurance.** Students without this insurance will not be permitted to schedule clinical rotations.

**Uniform Policy:** classroom activity will require wearing the TCC/BISD EMS Program Uniforms.

Because of the students' contact with the public while on clinical rotations, TCC has instituted a uniform policy which must be adhered to at all times while on clinical rotations. This policy dictates the dress & grooming of students & is considered a strict policy. An important issue for many individuals is the length of hair, which is adapted from our clinical sites & follows **military** guidelines.

Facial hair is another issue of concern for both students & ambulance providers. Mustaches which are simple & neatly trimmed are acceptable by all clinical sites. Beards & goatees are not permitted by any ambulance provider & thus cannot be worn on rotations or in class.

The clinical uniform must be worn in a manner which reflects well on both the clinical provider & TCC/BISD. Individual statements & expression have no place in public safety environments. Any student who is unwilling to appropriately represent both TCC/BISD & the clinical provider ***WILL*** be refused access to the clinical sites until appropriate corrections have been made. Clinical rotation sites allow students to ride as a COURTESY – a courtesy which may be canceled @ any time for students who do not meet standards of personal appearance.

**NO TOLLEANCE POLICY:** Students are expected to demonstrate professional courtesy to instructors, faculty & staff of TCC/BISD, fellow class members & other students of the EMS program, other BSID students & all visitors to the BCTAL campus. Behavior, including language, dress or action, which could be interpreted as offensive to any of the above, will not be tolerated. Failure to abide by this policy shall be grounds for removal from the TCC/BISD EMS program. There is never a time that it is appropriate to use profanity or sexual suggestive language in the classroom, in the hall, while on campus, or while on clinical rotations as a student of the EMS program. This includes any comments, statements, phrases or words that might offend a person (present or in absentia) on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, gender, or disability.