Columbia Basin College

Emergency Medical Technician Course Information 2014

Introduction

The Emergency Medical Technician course at Columbia Basin College is the entry-level course to the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) profession and is designed for those who aspire to become an Emergency Medical Technician. The course focuses on EMT roles and responsibilities, basic airway management, patient assessment, medical and trauma emergencies, anatomy and physiology, documentation, lifting and moving, communication, and the treatment of the cardiac arrest patient.

The course also includes practical labs and a total of 10 hours of clinical experience in the Emergency Room (ER) to provide direct hands-on experience with a variety of patients.

Certification is contingent on meeting the requirements of the following:

1) Washington State Department of Health (www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/emstrauma)
2) National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (www.nremt.org)

The EMT courses are typically scheduled for one quarter, usually 15 weeks and five Saturdays. Attendance is mandatory and compliance with the dress policy, national background check and immunizations are required. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday night, from 6 - 9:30 p.m. Supervised clinical experience is in various medical facilities throughout the Tri-Cities area.

Courses and Requirements for Accepted Applicants

Students will enroll in EMT 101 for 10 credits which includes lecture, lab, and clinical. Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be eligible to take the National Registry of EMT's C.A.T. examination for certification. (www.nremt.org)

Complete the following application information and submit by the dates provided.

You must complete the EMT application and attach all documents listed on page two. Incomplete applications will not be considered, please be thorough.
Submit your completed course application package to:

Columbia Basin College
Records Office, H4
2600 N. 20th Ave.
Pasco, WA 99301

Important Dates	
January 28, 2014 @ Noon	Applications due to CBC Records Office, H4 on the Pasco campus. *Late applications may be considered after all other applicants are interviewed*
February date to be announced	Mandatory EMT Assessment meeting at CBC Health Science Center at 6 p.m., room 242. Failure to attend this meeting will disqualify you from the application process.
To be announced	Mandatory HCP/CPR training. First Saturday of class, all selected applicants MUST attend.

Emergency Medical Technician Course
Application Checklist
(No program fees)

The steps outlined below are designed to assist students with completing the application to the Emergency Medical Technician course at Columbia Basin College.

Please check each box below to ensure you have attached all required information. It is strongly recommended applicants keep this information for future reference. For more information, contact Health Science Center at jlagrange@columbiabasin.edu or call (509) 544-8300.

College and Emergency Medical Technician Application Procedures
Incomplete applications will not be considered, please use the following checklist:

1. ❑ Completed — If you are a new student or need to reactivate your file, you will need to complete a State of Washington Community College Application at the CBC Pasco campus and pay the processing fee.

2. ❑ Completed — Submit the completed EMT application to the CBC Records Office in Pasco.

3. ❑ Completed — Students must be at least 18 years of age by the beginning of the course with a current valid driver's license. **Attach a copy to the application.**

4. ❑ Completed — Applicants who have attended an accredited two- or four-year college or university must submit an official transcript for each college attended to CBC Records office.

5. ❑ Completed — Applicants are strongly encouraged to have completed or be eligible for English 99, using one of the following;
-CBC transcript
-Transfer in transcript credits
-Compass test score placement

6. ❑ Completed — Additional consideration will be given to applicants if they are an active member of one of the following Washington state affiliated emergency service organizations: emergency medical services, fire departments, ambulance service, aid vehicle service, police or sheriff department, military or civilian personnel, and search and rescue units.

7. ❑ Completed — All applicants shall submit a letter of intent, outlining how they plan to use their EMT certification.

8. ❑ Completed — Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation.
8.a. One personal letter of recommendation
8.b. One professional letter of recommendation

EMT Assessment Candidate Applicant Center
An invitation only mandatory EMT assessment will be held prior to the start of the quarter by the Emergency Medical Technician faculty. This assessment will be held at the CBC Health Science Center in Richland and will determine acceptance into the EMT program.

Prospective students who wish to apply for a scholarship or loan should contact the CBC Financial Aid office or visit the CBC website at columbiabasin.edu/finaid for more information.

National Background Check and Immunization Tracker Account
Additional information and instructions for the national background check will be provided to students accepted into the Emergency Medical Technician course. The national background check must be completed at an additional cost to the student. In order to comply with Washington state law and clinical facility agreements, each student must have completed a national background check.

Students must establish an account to order your national background search as well as upload your vaccination history using the college-approved vendor by the due date listed in your acceptance letter. The following immunizations are required for students entering Health Sciences programs (Immunizations are expensive and may cost as much as $400 if you do not have your vaccination history.)

Note: Please wait until you receive acceptance letter by email about your status into this program before purchasing immunizations.

1. Negative Tuberculin Skin Test Reading or a whole blood test result within the last 8 months
2. Hepatitis B three-shot vaccinations or a titer showing immunity or begin the series
3. Tetanus Pertussis vaccination or a titer showing immunity, (Tdap) within 10 years
4. MMR two-shot vaccinations or a titer showing immunity or begin the series
5. Chicken Pox (Varicella) two-shot vaccinations or a history of exposure or begin the series
6. Influenza vaccine annually, between January 1 and October 1, each year

Other Requirements

1. Students must have the physical strength to perform the normal functions of an Emergency Medical Technician.
2. Students must have medical malpractice insurance. Malpractice insurance is included in your tuition and course fee payment.

General Information

Once a student has been accepted, the following information will be helpful to guide them with other requirements necessary to maintain enrollment.

- All students are encouraged to have accident/health insurance. A student injury and sickness insurance plan is available to purchase. Forms are available at Hawk Central in Pasco or the Health Sciences Center reception desk.
- All students are required to have malpractice insurance. The policy and cost are included in your tuition and course fee.
- This is a 13- to 15-week commitment two evenings each week and six Saturday's. Student study requirements have been found to be a minimum of three hours per week for each scheduled theory credit hour. Attendance is required to successfully complete the Emergency Medical Technician course.
- All accepted applicants must attend a mandatory HCP/CPR course, provided by CBC EMT course, usually a Saturday. Even if the student has a CPR card, they must attend.
- We understand that EMT school is expensive. Between books, tuition, uniforms, and immunizations, the typical student will spend approximately $2,000. For more information, review the CBC website at columbiabasin.edu/finaid. Scholarships and loans may be available through other college offices such as, the opportunity grant and worker retraining.
- There are a number of items all students will be required to have for the course:
    1. Official CBC EMT T-Shirt (Purchased at CBC Bookstore)
    2. Blood pressure cuff and stethoscope
    3. Watch with a second hand

Physical Attributes of the Emergency Medical Technician

Students planning to enter the Emergency Medical Technician course need to be aware of the fact that the following physical requirements are expected by employers. Therefore, students will be expected to meet the same criteria during clinical/lab instruction in the program. Inability to meet these requirements may cause the student to fail clinical courses.

1. Using good body mechanics, lift/carry a minimum of 50 pounds independently and 100 pounds with assistance.

2. Requires normal/corrected vision and hearing to normal range.

3. Intermittent sitting, standing, stooping, and walking. Full range of motion is required.

4. Requires good manual and finger dexterity.

5. Must be able to differentiate odors in the clinical setting.

6. Must be able to read and write in English. Must be able to communicate verbally in English, both in person and on the telephone.

7. May be required to stand on carpeting, linoleum, or be seated at a standard desk for a varying amount of time.

8. Must be able to direct and work in fast-paced facilities.

Emergency Medical Technician Course Costs

All stated costs are estimated and subject to change. However, the following figures may be used as a general guideline to assist applicants in preparing for the costs associated with EMT enrollment.

Item	Cost
1. *CBC tuition EMT 101 estimated cost (10 Credits)	$1,162.60
2. Malpractice insurance included with your tuition payment	$7.50 per quarter
3. Textbooks (available at CBC Bookstore)	$115
4. National Background Check and Immunization Tracker account	$97
5. *Immunizations (if you do not have your history available)	$400 (approx.)
6. Internship shirt (available at CBC Bookstore)	$25
7. NR exam at end of quarter	$70

*Costs and fees are approximations.

If you have additional questions related to vaccination requirements, contact Jill Lagrange at jlagrange@columbiabasin.edu or call the Health Science Center at (509) 544-8300.

Qualification Requirements for Washington State EMT Certification

A. Students must be at least 18 years old to certify in Washington State.

B. Students must have a high school diploma or GED in order to apply for EMT Certification with Washington State Department of Health.

C. Affiliation Information

Washington state does not allow an individual to be certified as an EMT without being affiliated with an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) agency. A student DOES NOT have to be affiliated to apply or take the course, however to become certified as an EMT in Washington state the student will have to gain affiliation.

Additional consideration may by given to applicants with a valid signed EMS agency affiliation. This consists of applicants who are either employed by, or volunteering for, an EMS agency that is recognized by the state of Washington. These agencies provide medical care and/or transport. For example, fire departments, ambulance services, search and rescue organizations, and law enforcement agencies. Despite affiliation, every candidate MUST achieve a minimum passing score to be considered for the program.

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(No program application fee)
Application due dates for 2014 by noon on
• Spring due by January 28th
• Fall due by July 9th.

Please complete this application with letters of recommendation and other required documents and deliver to:

Columbia Basin College
Records Office
2600 North 20th Avenue
Pasco, WA 99301

For questions, call the Health Science Center at (509) 544-8300

Demographic Information

Last Name | First | Middle | Birth Date

CBC Student ID Number | WA Driver's License Number (must be current)

Address | City | State | Zip

Phone | Message Phone | Email Address

High School Attended | Date Graduated | Location

If high school equivalency through GED, state where and when test was taken. | Location | Date

EMS Agency Data

❑ Check here if none

EMS Agency Affiliation

Fire Chief or Supervisor | Daytime Phone

Agency Mailing Address

Who will provide professional liability, health, and accident insurance? ❑ EMS Agency ❑ Self ❑ Other

Affiliate Agency Verification

I, the undersigned, hereby verify the above named individual is a member of this EMS/Fire Agency, and is further endorsed by this agency to attend initial EMT training.

Fire Chief or Supervisor Signature | Date

I certify the above information is accurate and complete. I have read and understand the mandatory course enrollment requirements. Upon certification, I agree to abide by Washington state and Benton-Franklin county rules, regulations, ordinances, and policies pertaining to emergency medical services, as well as the directives of the medical program director.

Applicant Signature | Date

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