

Course Sequencing		
Year	Quarter	Subject
First Year	Fall & Spring	EMT 101 (Emergency Medical Technician – Basic)

BEFORE YOU START

The application process is competitive. Applicants must be 18 years of age at the beginning of the quarter they are applying to. Applications for fall start students are due in April. Applications for spring start students are due in January.

There are no academic prerequisites to take the EMT course. However, the following courses are highly recommended:

- Completion of [ENGL 099](#) (Writing Prep 2) or higher placement
- Completion of [MATH 050](#) (Pre-Algebra) or higher placement
- Completion of [HSCI 147](#) (Medical Terminology)

STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The following criteria are required to apply to the EMT program:

- A typed letter of intent outlining how the applicant plans to use their EMT certification
- applicant must be 18 years of age
- Valid driver's license
- A copy of a high school diploma/transcript or equivalent (GED)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Take an EMT entrance exam and participate in an assessment

The EMT entrance exam is mandatory to be considered for acceptance into the program. Applicants who do not attend the exam will be disqualified from the application process.

Criteria for the assessment is teamwork, communication skills, reading and comprehension skills.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Where it all starts! Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is the stepping stone to all Emergency Medical Services careers. Are you interested in medicine, helping people, becoming a firefighter and volunteering in the community? If so, EMT training will provide insight into many different careers. Columbia Basin College offers EMT each year in the spring and fall quarters.

The field of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is built upon a foundation that begins with basic CPR/First Aid and ends with the advanced care provided by a Paramedic. Throughout EMS, you will find various levels of education that all focus toward the "chain of survival". This chain of survival is an ideal of how patients can best be treated, whether suffering a heart attack or being involved in a motor vehicle accident.

What is an EMT?

- EMT is the basic certification level that comprises the largest population of EMS responders and is often considered the backbone of EMS.
- EMT's perform basic life-saving skills which include:
 - control of bleeding
 - stabilizing fractures
 - assisting patients with medications
 - providing oxygen and other necessities to avoid the development/progression of shock
 - transportation to the emergency room
- EMT's in Washington State are also trained to place intermediate airway devices, administer epinephrine to patients in anaphylactic shock and use semi-automated external defibrillators.

Information Sessions

Please take the time to attend one of the EMT, Paramedic or Fire Science Information Sessions. Your questions will be answered by an Advisor/Counselor or a program representative. Visit the [CBC Events Calendar](#) to find the next available session and register to attend or email cbcoutreach@columbiabasin.edu for assistance.

Information sessions are scheduled for one hour and are free and open to anyone interested in a CBC Health Sciences program.

OUT OF CLASS TO DO'S

National Background Search & Drug Screen Requirements

As part of the admission requirements for Health Science programs, applicants must successfully pass a criminal background check and drug screen prior to working with patients in clinical areas. The background check and drug screen are paid by the student and administered through a third party company, CastleBranch. In addition to the background check required by CBC, each clinical facility reserves the right to conduct its own criminal background check prior to allowing a student to enter its health care facilities for clinical participation.

Certain criminal convictions, pending charges, or negative actions may automatically disqualify a person from having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults, juveniles and children. Clinical facilities reserve the right to accept or decline a student's placement in its facility.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

EMT skills can be useful for other careers and employment opportunities such as:

- Firefighters
- Police
- Military service members
- Emergency Room (ER) technicians
- Dispatchers
- Emergency response teams
- Hospitality, entertainment and cruise industries
- Public education
- Ski Patrol

FAQs

Class Times/Delivery Format

Classes have in-person, online and clinical components.

Length of Program

The program lasts 15 weeks.

Which Quarter Can I Begin?

The program starts every spring and fall quarter.

Did you know??? You can apply for CBC scholarships two times every year! Click [here](#) for more information!

PLEASE NOTE: This document represents a sample plan for degree completion with this program of study. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with your Completion Coach. Completion Coaches can also help you plan other experiences to enrich your education such as internships, research, learning communities, and campus involvement and community-based learning.

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