

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY (EMT)

This semester program (110 hour minimum) course provides classroom and laboratory instruction for entry level Emergency Medical Technicians following the current National DOT curriculum. Emergency Medical Technician-Basic is an instructional program that prepares individuals to function in the pre-hospital environment. The EMT-Basic program provides instruction in basic life support care of sick and injured persons. This includes airway assessment, communications, documentation, general pharmacology, hemorrhage control, ambulance operations, and splinting of adult, pediatric, and infant patients; and special care of patients exposed to heat, cold, radiation, or contagious disease.

Upon successful completion of the course, students are eligible to sit for the National Registry for Emergency Medical Technicians Basic Testing.

Legal Limitations for Employment as an EMT:

According to Mississippi State Law, an individual may not be eligible for employment in a health care agency if the person has ever been convicted of a felony , or plead guilty to , or plead nolo contendere to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23 (f), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust or aggravated assault, of felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult.

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must:

- meet general admission requirements for technical students.
- be a high school graduate or have a satisfactory GED score.
- must have a minimum ACT score of 16 on the enhanced ACT (12 if taken before October 28, 1989), may be waived based on experience.
- submit a signed Background Information Signature form.
- submit a signed, notarized Healthcare Criminal History Background Affidavit.

PROCEDURE:

Applicants must have the following documents on file in the Health Sciences office by June 1 to be considered for admission to the fall class and by November 1 for the spring class:

- MDCC application for admission or readmission
- MDCC application to the EMT Program (Health Sciences Application packet).
- An official high school transcript from an approved high school or GED equivalency score
- An official college transcript, if college work has been completed
- Signed, notarized Healthcare Criminal History Background Affidavit.

Students are encouraged to submit all parts of the application well in advance of the deadline. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed for admission.**

SELECTION:

No applicant will be considered unless the minimum admission requirements are met. Requirements are based on ACT score and transcript. All applicants are considered on a competitive basis. Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission into the program. The number of applicants accepted is limited due to the nature of the program. Applicants are notified by letter of their acceptance or non-acceptance to the program.

Admission is tentative based on:

- satisfactory background check (see Policy on Admission to Health Science Program)
- acceptable pre-admission drug screen
- health evaluation form completed by a physician or nurse practitioner.
- proof of Hepatitis B vaccination, MMR vaccination and TB skin test.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students who are accepted into the program must:

- attend an EMT orientation
- be aware that, in addition to regular college fees, Emergency Medical Technician students will incur expenses for such items as books, physical examination, Hepatitis B vaccination series, background check, and national licensing examination fees
- be responsible for their own transportation to the college campus and clinical agencies

PROGRESSION:

- Students must maintain a “C” average (grade of 75) or better in each component of the course of study in order to complete the program.

READMISSION OR TRANSFER:

Students seeking readmission to the program are considered on an individual basis according to health sciences readmission policies.

Due to the nature of the semester program, students are not eligible to transfer into the EMT program.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

“Mississippi Delta Community College complies with all applicable laws regarding affirmative action and equal opportunity in all its activities and programs and does not discriminate against anyone protected by law because of age, color, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, handicap, or status as a veteran or disabled veteran.” The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Dr. Lynda Steele, Vice President of Administrative Services, Stauffer-Wood Administration Building, P. O. Box 668, Moorhead, MS 38761, 662-246-6558. The students’ contact is: The Center of Learning at 662-246-6251.

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Performance Standards for Admission and Progression

The following performance standards provide descriptions of basic cognitive, sensory, affective, and psychomotor requirements for successful Emergency Medical Technician completion. Applicants and students who cannot meet one or more of the standards will be considered on an individual basis in terms of whether reasonable modification/accommodation can be made. Reasonable accommodations will be examined in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as the Performance Standards for Admission and Progression.

In order to successfully complete the health science program, an applicant/student must be able to do the following:

1. **Demonstrate critical thinking sufficient for clinical judgment.**

Examples

- a. identify cause-effect relationships in the clinical setting
- b. recognize changes in client's condition

2. **Display interpersonal skills sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups in a variety of settings in the community.**

Examples

- respect differences among clients and exhibit an attitude accepting of clients as individuals
- establish rapport in order to communicate effectively with clients, families, significant others, and health team members
- work effectively in small groups as a team member

3. **Demonstrate appropriate verbal and written communication skills.**

Examples

- speak English coherently to clients, families, and other staff members
- clearly explain procedures for clients, families, or groups based on age, lifestyle, and cultural considerations
- provide clear, understandable client documentation based upon proper use of the English language
- convey information to other caregivers

4. **Exhibit physical ability sufficient to assist clients to meet health care needs in a variety of settings, including moving from room-to-room, to maneuver in small spaces, and to negotiate stairwells when necessary.**

Examples

- physical mobility and strength sufficient to propel wheelchairs, etc. through doorways and close fitting areas alone or with assistance
- stand, walk up to 75% of 6 to 12 hour shifts

- stoop, bend, squat, reach overhead as required to reach equipment and provide care
- lift a minimum of 20 pounds of weight
- perform CPR satisfactorily and respond quickly in an emergency situation

5. **Demonstrate gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective care.**

Examples

- demonstrate physical dexterity and coordination in delivery of care
- perform procedures requiring the use of 2 hands
- pick up, grasp, and effectively manipulate small objects
- calibrate and use equipment

6. **Display auditory, visual, and tactile ability sufficient to safely assess and care for clients.**

Examples

- hear monitors, alarms, emergency signals, and cries for help, telephone, intercom interactions, and public address systems (codes)
- perceive and receive verbal communications from clients, families, and health team members
- read written words and information on paper and computer screens, small print, gauges, measuring cups, and other equipment
- discriminate colors; changes in color, size and continuity of body parts
- discriminate alterations in normal body activities such as breathing patterns and level of consciousness
- observe hazards in environment (water spills, safety rails, restraints) and harmful situations

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

One Semester Program

REQUIRED COURSES:	Prev. Taken	FALL ____	OR	SPRING __
Emergency Medical Technician				
EMT 1116				
Total Hours:				
Advisor Initials:				
Date:				

Courses for respective programs must be completed in one semester in order to get credit.
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Students should consult the catalog of the university to which they plan to transfer for specific degree requirements.