

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

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Job Description

The EMT and AEMT are an important part of the first responder care team. The following is a breakdown of the various job responsibilities of each:

EMT performs: patient assessment, airway management, oxygen therapy, splinting, spinal motion restriction, and emergency care of critically ill and injured patients.

AEMT performs: advanced emergency care of critically ill and injured victims in the field setting, provides fluid replacement utilizing intravenous therapy, provides limited medication therapy as indicated, and secures patient airway using basic and limited advanced techniques.

Career Opportunities

Emergency Medical Technicians at both the EMT and AEMT level work indoors and outdoors. In the field, they generally work in teams of two and most work rotating shifts. Those employed in institutions and ancillary care will work varied hours. EMTs are employed by: private ambulance services, fire departments, hospitals, volunteer services, and/or ancillary care.

Program Description

The EMT is a 9 credit, one semester sequence that satisfies the EMT pre-employment requirement specified by local fire departments. The AEMT is an 8 credit, one semester sequence. To enroll in the AEMT courses a student must provide proof of certification at the EMT level.

Admission Requirements

The CSN Emergency Medical Technician program is an open entry program; therefore a "Limited Entry Application for Admission to a Health Science Program" is NOT required. However, students enrolled in the program must show proof of American Heart Association (AHA) BLS Provider CPR certification, health insurance, and an official background check are required. Drug and alcohol screening will be required prior to the 2nd week of class. A physical exam may also be required.



Approximate Cost for EMT/AEMT Courses

EMT:

Tuition 9 credits X \$115.25 per credit hr.....	\$1037.25
Books.....	\$90.00-303.00
Lab Fees (EMT).....	\$30.00
Certification Test Fee.....	\$80.00 - 108.25

AEMT:

Tuition 8 credits X \$115.25 per credit hr.....	\$922.00
Books.....	\$255.00
Lab Fees (AEMT).....	\$50.00
Certification Test Fee.....	\$108.25 - \$365.00

Subject to change

Additional Costs

Document Manager.....	\$35.00
CPR Certification.....	\$50.00 - \$75.00
Official Background Check.....	\$50.00
Drug Screen.....	\$39.00
Uniform (pants, polo, patches).....	\$65.00

College Application Fee.....\$10.00
One time, non-refundable fee charged to new students only.

Non-resident Fee.....\$3389.00 per semester
This is in addition to the tuition and technology fee and is assessed to nonresident students enrolling in 7 or more credit hours.

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Approximate Salary

Hourly Wage Range.....	\$10.21	\$27.07
Median Hourly Wage.....	\$15.71	

Source: "BLS Occupational Employment and Wages for EMTs and Paramedics"
<https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes292041.htm>

Emergency Medical Technician Certificate of Completion

What courses are required?

EMT

EMS 108B	Emergency Medical Technician	8 Cr.
EMS 108B	EMT Lab	0 Cr.
EMS 150B	EMT Clinical Practice	<u>1 Cr.</u>
		9 Cr.

Advanced EMT (AEMT)

EMS115B	Advanced Emergency Medical Technician	7 Cr.
EMS115B	AEMT Lab	0 Cr.
EMS116B	AEMT Clinical Practice	<u>1 Cr.</u>
		8 Cr.

When are these courses offered?

The EMT courses may be offered during the spring, summer, and/or fall semester and are located at the Charleston Campus and Green Valley Technical Center; AEMT courses are only offered at the Charleston Campus. On occasion, the lecture component (EMS 108B or EMS 115B) may be offered online. Online lecture students will still be required to complete in-person lab (EMS 108L and EMS 115L) and clinical time. Refer to your current semester schedule to verify when and where these courses are held.

Can I enroll in both courses at the same time?

No, the College of Southern Nevada offers a step ladder approach to classes in Emergency Medical Training. The EMT classes have open enrollment to any CSN student 18 years of age or older and provide instruction in basic emergency medical care skills. AEMT courses offer advanced training with some advanced emergency medical care skills. In order to be admitted into the AEMT (EMS 115B) training course, an individual must have completed the EMT (EMS 108B) training sequence, and must be currently certified by either a state agency or the National Registry of EMTs.

Do I have to take an exam after completion of the courses?

Yes, after completing each sequence of courses you will take a certification exam in order to be able to gain employment as an EMT/AEMT. **The current National Registry certification fee for EMTs is \$80.00 and for AEMTs is \$115.00.** AEMT students must also attend a NREMT practical skills examination offered by an outside agency. Testing fees may be imposed by the agency.

What if I am certified as an EMT in another state?

If you choose to enroll in the Advanced EMT course at CSN, you must show proof of either current National Certification as an EMT or current state EMT certification to the instructor on the first day of instruction. Contact the Southern Nevada Health District EMS Office (702-759-1050) to verify reciprocity.