Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Program

The AEMT program enrolls a new class of students each spring and fall semester.

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) Short-Term Certificate:

- Completion of an emergency medical technician class and current NREMT certification and state licensure as an EMT is a pre-requisite requirement for admission.
  - Students who are currently enrolled in an emergency medical technician class may apply to the AEMT program and receive conditional admission, dependent upon completion of the program prior to the start of AEMT classes and achieving NREMT certification and state licensure in the first four weeks of the AEMT program.
  - Students who have passed the Advanced EMT NREMT certification exam but are not licensed in the state of Alabama must obtain licensure through the State Office of EMS within four weeks of program admission.

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Semester total = 9 credit hours

- Both BIO 201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I and AEMT coursework are PRE-REQUISITES for admission to the paramedic program. Our paramedic program begins each summer. The application is available online February 1 – April 1 each year.
  - (Please see the paramedic program description available on our website for more information on general education requirements and admission requirements for our paramedic program.)

If you have questions about the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician program that are not answered in the Frequently Asked Questions section of our website, please call Misty Greene at 256-306-2786.
Clinical Information

Clinical education is a vital component of EMS education as it provides students the opportunity to perform skills under the direct supervision and evaluation of a clinical instructor/preceptor. Students must read and understand EMS program policies. Students found to be non-compliant with clinical policies and procedures, including but not limited to unprofessional behavior, are subject to dismissal from the EMS program in accordance with CCC due process procedures.

Admission to Clinical Experiences

After enrollment in the AEMT program and prior to clinical experiences, the student must:

A. **Purchase the approved uniform** and comply with the program dress code.

B. **Purchase liability insurance.** A group policy for students is available for this coverage through the CCC health division. The malpractice insurance is attached as a course fee to EMS 156. Payment is due prior to enrollment in clinical rotations. Students with financial aid should be aware insurance fees may not be paid by financial aid funds.

C. **Submit to a drug screen and background search** per the CCC Health Division policy. Both the drug screen and background search must return and be clear as stated in the policies. See FAQ for more information.

D. Submit a current and completed physical examination form evidencing a satisfactory state of physical and mental health such that the student is able to complete all program requirements without presenting undue risk / harm to the student or other persons.

E. Submit either a signed hepatitis B vaccine waiver or proof of a completed vaccination series or proof of immunity to Hepatitis B.

F. Submit proof of vaccination for the influenza season during clinical assignment(s) or a signed declination with accompanying documentation with the reason for vaccine refusal.

G. Submit proof of current and successful completion of an approved healthcare provider CPR course involving an in-person skills validation.

Acceptable courses include:
- American Heart Association - “Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider”
- American Red Cross - “Professional Rescuer”
- American Safety & Health Institute – “CPR Pro”

H. Complete the OSHA / Bloodborne Pathogens class.

I. Provide a copy of a valid driver’s license, CCC student identification card, and a current health insurance card. Though insurance is not required, CCC strongly recommends that all health students maintain medical / accident insurance while participating in clinical education experiences. EMS students without proof of health insurance are required to sign a liability waiver.
AEMT Uniform Policy

Shirts
- Approved CCC EMS program polo shirts are available for purchase in the college bookstore.
- AEMT students wear CHARCOAL GREY CCC EMS uniform shirts.
- The shirt must be tucked neatly into the trousers / pants at all times.

Trousers
- Pants must be navy blue or black in color. Denim pants / blue jeans are not allowed.
- Pants may not be tucked into boots.
- The uniform must be in good repair at all times, clean, and neatly pressed.
- Pants are worn with a black belt. The belt should be plain and free of writing, decoration, &/or a distracting or large buckle.

Shoes
- Shoes must be black with rubber soles for the hospital areas.
- Solid black tennis shoes are acceptable if clean.
- Uniform boots are permitted.
- Slip on shoes or foam shoes are not safe and therefore not acceptable.
- Shoes / boots must remain appropriately laced, tied &/or zipped at all times.

Coats
- If a coat is needed for cold weather, it should be dark and a single color, preferably black or navy blue.
- The coat may not display any patches or emblems.
- When wearing a coat/jacket, the nametag must be worn on the outside.
- CCC sweatshirts and pullovers purchased from the Bookstore are allowed.
- EMS Job shirts or pullovers with the CCC EMS logo and student training level may be obtained at Abernathy’s Monogramming in Athens to be worn to class and clinical rotations. They must be black, navy, or grey. **Pullovers other than those sold in the CCC Bookstore must be approved by the EMS program director prior to being embroidered with the Calhoun EMS logo or being worn.**

Jewelry
- The only jewelry to be worn is a wristwatch, plain wedding band, and Medic-alert emblem.
- Earrings, bracelets, necklaces, eyebrow rings, nose rings, and tongue piercings are not allowed.

Scrubs
- In certain clinical areas, students will be required to wear scrubs. When this is the case, the facility will furnish the student with scrubs. At the end of the clinical, scrubs will be returned to the facility.

ID Badge
- An ID Badge is must always be prominently displayed. The CCC issued student ID badge should be attached to the collar of the EMS uniform shirt. Badges cannot be attached to the belt. If a jacket is worn, the badge should be attached to the collar of the jacket.
- Additional badges for specific clinical agencies may be required. Acquiring an additional agency specific badge is the responsibility of the student prior to the first day of clinical. Forms will be available through the clinical coordinator.

Hats
- Hats are not to be worn with the uniform unless the student is outside during inclement weather on an ambulance clinical. The hat should be removed while indoors. The only approved hat is a plain navy or black hat or a hat monogrammed with the program logo through Abernathy’s Monogramming.
Tattoos & Visible body marks

- Tattoos and other body markings (i.e. hickeys, “love bites,” etc.) on the arms, hands, neck, head, or face, must be covered while on a clinical rotation. Visible tattoos on the arms require the addition of a long sleeve shirt underneath the appropriate colored polo shirt prior to entering the clinical agency. Tattoos on the back of the neck should be covered with a large bandage.

Hair

- The hair must be neat and clean.
- Long hair must be pulled back and secured in such a manner as to not interfere with patient care. Hair should not fall across the face so as to impede vision. The hair should not hang down over the front of shoulders and long hair which is secured should not hang lower than the middle back. Hair extending past the middle back should be secured so as not to become a safety issue.
- Mohawks, “Fauxhawks,” and other hairstyles which would be deemed atypical are not permissible in the classroom or clinical setting.
- Hair color should be in a natural tone (i.e. blond, brown, black, etc.) with or without natural toned highlights. Unnatural hair colors (i.e. blue, green, pink, etc.) are not permitted in the classroom or clinical setting.

Facial hair

- Beards and mustaches are permitted as long as they are neat and trimmed. Otherwise, male students must be clean-shaven.

Fingernails

- Fingernails must be short, clean, and without nail polish. Artificial / acrylic nails are not permitted due to infection control issues.

Deodorant / Cologne

- Your clothing and breath should smell fresh. The odor of cigarette smoke is offensive.
- Lightly scented deodorant is permitted. Cologne cannot be used as fragrances are offensive to many patients, particularly those with allergies or compromised pulmonary function.

Required Equipment

During clinical rotations, the student must have on their person:

- CCC ID badge
- Stethoscope
- Pen (black ink)
- EMT scissors
- Complete change of clothing (OSHA requirement)
- Wristwatch appropriate for calculating pulse rates
- Small pocket notepad

Approximate Program Costs

Approximate paramedic program costs:

- Tuition & Fees (incl. all general education courses needed for AAS degree) = $1,458
- Textbooks & Testing = $200.00
- Malpractice Insurance, Uniforms & Equipment = $150
- Background Check, Drug Screen, Physical Examination & Immunizations = $250-$1000
  - Dependent upon student health insurance coverage