Health Sciences Division

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Program

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) is the second level of certification in EMS. The program is one semester in length and filled by open enrollment.

To participate in the AEMT Program a student must:

1. Be unconditionally accepted to Calhoun Community College.

2. Have completed an emergency medical technician class and hold current NREMT certification and state licensure as an EMT.
   - Students who are currently enrolled in an emergency medical technician class may apply to the AEMT program and be granted conditional admission. They will be required to complete EMT, and achieve NREMT certification and a state license during the first four weeks of the AEMT program.
   - Students who have passed the 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.

3. AEMT applicants should read the Eligibility Criteria posted on the AEMT website.

4. The AEMT program is offered every spring and fall semester. Class size is limited and students are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

5. AEMT students must complete two courses:
   1. **EMS 155** is a hybrid class with lecture content online and once weekly on-campus lab class. Students may select:
      - Section **HO1** which meets on the Decatur campus Mondays, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
      OR
      - Section **H03** which meets on the Huntsville campus Wednesdays, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
   2. **EMS 156** is a clinical class. Students participate in a minimum of 96 hours of hands-on learning at local emergency departments, ambulance services, and/or fire departments. Most experiences can be scheduled around a student’s class &/or work schedule.

   AEMT students are encouraged to also take BIO 201 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I in the same semester as AEMT classes because BIO 201 is a pre-requisite for the Paramedic Program.
6. Students must complete all requirements to participate in clinical education experiences.

A. Purchase the approved uniform and comply with the AEMT dress code.

B. Purchase liability insurance. A group policy for students is available for this coverage through CCC. The cost is $12.00 and is attached as a course fee to EMS 155. Payment is due upon enrollment in clinical rotations. Students with financial aid should be aware insurance fees may not be paid by financial aid funds.

C. Submit to drug and alcohol screening and background check. The CCC Health Sciences Division background check and drug and alcohol screening policies are provided upon enrollment. Results may prohibit a student from participating in clinical education and necessitate withdrawal from the AEMT program or course failure.

D. Undergo a health examination, tuberculosis screening, and validate immunity to specified infectious diseases to demonstrate a satisfactory state of physical and mental health indicating the student should be able to complete the program requirements without presenting undue risk or harm to themselves or others.

E. Submit proof of current and successful completion of a CPR course. Acceptable courses:
   - American Heart Association - “Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider”
   - American Red Cross - “Professional Rescuer”
   - American Safety & Health Institute – “CPR Pro”

F. Complete the OSHA / Blood borne Pathogens class.

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

H. Students enrolled in EMS programs are required to successfully complete both academic and clinical requirements. The EMS Eligibility Criteria delineate the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor skills deemed minimally necessary for admission, progression, and graduation, and for the provision of safe and effective client care. The College endorses the Americans’ with Disabilities Act. If a student cannot meet the Eligibility Criteria it is their responsibility to request appropriate reasonable accommodations through the Student Disability Services Office.

I. Clinical education is a vital component of EMS education. Students must read, understand and abide by EMS program policies. Students found to be non-compliant including but not limited to unprofessional behavior, are subject to dismissal from the AEMT program.
AEMT Uniform Policy

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

Trousers
- Pants must be navy blue or black in color. Denim pants / blue jeans are not allowed.
- Certain EMS trousers with thigh pockets may be allowed with program director permission.
- 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.
- Socks may be white or black
- 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.
- A CCC EMS jacket is available for purchase in the college bookstore.
- When wearing a coat/jacket, the nametag must be worn on the outside.
- CCC sweatshirts purchased from the Bookstore are allowed; other sweatshirts are not permitted.

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 the CCC EMS hat available at the campus bookstore.

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 be 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
- Penlight
- Pen (black ink)
- Trauma shears
- Complete change of clothing (OSHA requirement)
- Wristwatch appropriate for calculating pulse rates
- Small pocket notepad

### Estimated Costs

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*All costs subject to change without notice.

#Background check cost is dependent on number of places lived past 10-15 years.

^Physical examination costs dependent on where student has exam and need for immunizations.

The AEMT program is not eligible for Title IV funding.
(Pell Grant, SEOG, or Direct Student Loan)
Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Licensure

Registry / Licensure:

- Students who successfully complete the program are eligible to sit for the National Registry of Advanced EMTs (NREMT) examination. This exam is required for any person seeking state licensure as an AEMT. The examination fee is paid to the NREMT. An orientation to the application process and testing mechanisms are provided as part of the AEMT course.