Health Sciences Division

Emergency Medical Technician Program

To participate in the EMT Program a student must:

1. Apply and be unconditionally accepted to Calhoun Community College
   • There are no course prerequisites to register for EMT
   • Applicants should read the EMS Eligibility Criteria posted on the EMT website

2. Meet with an advisor on the Huntsville or Decatur campus to register for EMT classes
   • Class size is limited and students are accepted on a first come, first served basis
   • The program is one semester in length; two courses (10 credit hours) are required

A. EMS 118 is a lecture and lab class. Students may select from one of two EMS 118 classes:
   1) EMT 118 - 100 (day section) meets on the Decatur campus Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 09:00 AM -1:00 PM fall and spring semester, and 09:00 AM - 3:00 PM summer semester
   2) EMT 118 – 400 (evening section) meets on the CCC Huntsville campus Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 5:30 - 9:30 PM fall and spring Semester, and 5:00 - 10:00 PM summer semester

B. EMS 119 is a clinical class. Students complete a minimum of 48 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.

C. EMS 100 is a healthcare provider level CPR class. EMT students not currently certified in CPR must take this class.

D. EMS 107 is an optional course for individuals wanting to be a driver at an ambulance service. (Fire departments require a different emergency vehicle operator’s course for fire trucks.) Although EMS 107 is not required, it is recommended, as it makes an EMT more marketable to potential employers.
3. Complete all requirements for admission to **clinical education experiences** in the first two weeks of the program.

   A. **Purchase the approved uniform** and comply with the EMT 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 118. 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 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 - “Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers”
   - American Safety & Health Institute – “CPR Pro”

   F. Complete the **OSHA / Blood borne Pathogens** class.

   G. 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 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 EMT program.

**EMT 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. EMT students wear navy blue 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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| Clinical Needs   | Background Check / Drug & Alcohol Screen | $72.50 + |
|                  | Physical Exam                  | $150 - 500 |
|                  | Two EMT Uniform Shirts         | $60.00    |
|                  | EMS Jacket (Optional)          | $60.00    |
|                  | Stethoscope, penlight, trauma shears | $50.00 |
|                  | Platinum Planner / EMS Testing | $79.00    |
|                  | EMT NREMT Exam (required for licensure) | $98.00 |

Textbooks = $350.00

*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 EMT program is not eligible for Title IV funding.
(Pell Grant, SEOG, or Direct Student Loan)

The CCC curriculum plans for EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic adhere to the National EMS Education Standards as developed by the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration and meet the approval of the Alabama Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services.

### Emergency Medical Technician Licensure

**Registry / Licensure:**

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