Where EMTs Work

You can work for a fire department, private ambulance company, urgent care clinic, hospital emergency departments—even as a lifeguard for beaches, pools and camps. Emergency Medical Service (EMS) responders are ready 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide life-saving care.

EMT Skills and Abilities

You must be confident and have good judgment to take on the high degree of responsibility required. You must also remain calm and instantly recall knowledge and technical skills needed to provide life-giving care.

The emergency environment is an intense, non-structured work place that is constantly changing. Critical reasoning must be effectively applied during these stressful situations. It takes an unusually talented, intelligent and motivated individual to take on this difficult and stressful job.

EMT Certification

In order to receive EMT certification you must be 18 years old, pass an authorized EMT-B course, take and pass the National Registry EMT computerized exam, and pass a life scan criminal background check. For employment with an ambulance company, an ambulance driver’s license is usually required which you must get from your state’s department of motor vehicles.

The Industry

The emergency medical services industry is a highly competitive field. According to the California State Employment Development Department, California will need 14,800 EMTs through 2014 and you could earn up to $36,000 per year.

For more information

cabrillo.edu/academics/public_safety
The Profession

Do you remain cool, calm and collected in an emergency?

Are you good at making quick and sound decisions in a crisis?

Do you inspire trust and confidence in people?

As an emergency medical technician (EMT) you provide the first line of competent and skilled basic life support to the sick and injured in an emergency. People, and sometimes animals, put their lives in your hands every day.

Your quick reactions, sound judgment and skilled care make the difference between someone’s life and death in an automobile accident, heart attack, gunshot wound, childbirth or other crises.

If you’re willing to take on the responsibility, we’ll give you the skills, training and knowledge so you’re ready and able to help your community.

When you become an EMT, you join one of the most trusted, respected and desperately needed professions in the world.

How To Enroll

STEP 1 You may apply online at www.cabrillo.edu. If you have any questions, contact the Cabrillo College Admissions & Records Office in Building 100 of the Aptos campus located on 6500 Soquel Drive, phone (831) 749-6201; or in Watsonville on 318 Union Street, phone (831) 786-4701.

STEP 2 You will receive registration information in the mail including your time to begin registering.

Who May Enroll

Cabrillo College is open to anyone 18 years of age or older, or anyone with a high school diploma or proficiency certificate. High school students also may attend classes at Cabrillo on a limited basis with the permission of their high school principals.

Nondiscrimination Policy

Cabrillo Community College does not discriminate on the basis of ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, age, sex, race, color, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation in any of its policies, procedures, or practices. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission and access to, and treatment and employment in, the college’s programs and activities, including vocational education programs. Limited English language skills will not be a barrier to admission to and participation in vocational education programs.

Plan De Acción No Discriminatória

Cabrillo Community College no discrimina a base de identificación con grupos étnicos, nacionalidad de origen, religión, edad, sexo, raza, color, incapacidad mental o física ni orientación sexual en ninguna de sus reglamentaciones, procedimientos o prácticas. Este plan de acción no discriminatoria incluye la admisión y el acceso a los programas y actividades, y el tratamiento y el empleo en los mismos, incluyendo la educación vocacional. Tener limitadas destrezas en el idioma inglés no constituirá una barrera para ser admitido o participar en los programas de educación vocacional.

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