This one semester classroom and clinical education program provides education and training for those paramedics who function as members of a critical care transport team. Transferability of the Enhanced Skills Certificate of Completion courses to a college or university is subject to the approval of the receiving institution.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Submit all previous college/university official transcripts (transliteration of all foreign coursework required).
- Submit official transcripts to:
  - El Paso Community College Admissions Office
  - P.O. Box 20500, El Paso, Texas 79998
- Must be fully accepted by EPCC as an academic credit student.
- Student may enroll in selected courses prior to completion of an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic or Nursing
- All academic and specialized courses listed on the degree plan must be completed with a “C” or better.
- “Effective Fall 2011, and based on new federal regulations, students are not allowed to repeat previously passed courses more than once.” Students should meet with a counselor to determine how a repeat course (s) may impact his/her academic, prerequisite, specialized admissions or transferability of courses. It is the student’s responsibility to check with the Office of Student Financial Services to inquire how a repeat course (s) may impact their financial aid or veteran’s assistance.

TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Texas State Legislature mandates that institutions assess all entering undergraduate students for readiness to enroll into college-level course work in the academic areas of Essay, Reading, Math, and Writing Assessment Tests, and to provide individualized developmental education programs to those students not demonstrating this readiness. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) requires the reporting of developmental progression and outcome of all students engaged in developmental education. Refer to EPCC Catalog or see your counselor for more information.
Students may enroll in selected courses in their last semester of their Associates of Applied Science Degree – Paramedic, or prior to completion of an AAS in Emergency Medical Services- Paramedic or Nursing.

***NOTE: This program is not under specialized admissions. It is ultimately the student’s responsibility to submit all required documentation to allow for normal processing. Normal processing can take a few days or a few months depending on document type and individual circumstances. It is highly recommended for the applicant complete the Pre-Program Specific Requirements at least three (3) weeks prior to enrollment. If documents have been received, but not processed, then the student will be coded as ineligible for that ranking, because not enough time was given for validating and processing the information.

Applicants for Non-Specialized Programs must meet Pre-Program Specific Requirements prior to enrollment in CEMFP (Critical Care/Flight Paramedic Enhanced Skills Certificate). The following is required of all applicants:

- **Background Check** must be completed by each student prior to enrollment in clinical courses. The student will not be able to go to the clinical areas/health care facilities until cleared. For further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the Program Coordinator. Website: [http://www.elpasoex.com](http://www.elpasoex.com). You will receive a letter from the Dean, Health Career & Technical Education, Math and Science division after the background check is reviewed. ***NOTE: A background check must be repeated at student’s expense if the student is not enrolled in a health-related program for one or more semesters.***

  Background checks are done prior to acceptance into most health programs or courses. Students are responsible for the costs. Currently, the approved vendor for El Paso Community College is American Databank. Only background checks from American Databank are accepted. ([www.elpasoex.com](http://www.elpasoex.com))

  There are two Levels of background checks: **Level I** includes all students and includes: (1) Social Security Number Verification, (2) Criminal Search 7 years minimum or up to 5 criminal searches, (3) Violent Sexual Offender and Predator Registry Search, (4) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) List of Excluded Individuals/Entities, (5) GSA List of Parties Excluded from Federal Programs (6) U.S. Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), List of Specially Designated Nationals (SDN), and (7) State Exclusion List. **Level II** is for students already licensed or certified in any area. Level II requires all of the Level 1 elements plus (1) License Verification, (2) Certification Verification, and (3) Employment Verification, including reason for separation and eligibility for re-hire.

  A positive criminal history will require proof of the official case disposition for clearance. Generally, disqualifying criminal offenses include but are not limited to (1) any felony conviction within the last 10 years or two or more misdemeanors in crimes against persons or families such as homicide, kidnapping, rape, sexual assault, assault, battery, aggravated robbery, theft, any misdemeanor or felony conviction involving abuse, neglect, or exploitation against a child, vulnerable adult, or disabled individual, and felonies or 2 misdemeanors involving manufacture, importation, delivery, or possession of controlled substances, including felony conviction of DWI or two misdemeanor DWI convictions. Deferred adjudication for any felony is also a disqualifying event for enrolling into this Health Program.

  Please note that many professional licensure or certification agencies may have additional requirements. You should reference the requirements for each agency.

- **Immunizations and Titer** – The following must be completed:
  - **POSITIVE TITER** required for Hepatitis B vaccination series of 3 and Titer (can take 4-6 months to complete) or Twinrix (Hepatitis A & B) series of 4 shots: Days: #0, #7, #21, plus booster after 365 days or disease prior to TITER. The series must be completed prior to starting clinical courses.
  - **Tuberculosis Screening and/or testing** (completed) (done annually), or **chest x-rays and questionnaire** (annual).
  - **POSITIVE TITER** required for each 2 doses - Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccinations (MMR) (completed) and Titer.
  - **POSITIVE TITER** required for each 2 doses - Varicella Vaccination and Titer (completed).
  - **Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)** (completed).
  - **Influenza is required** (or completed declination form) (NOTE: If declined, will have to wear a mask in clinical) (done annually).
• **Meningitis or booster**

(Effective January 1, 2012, a Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination is required for all entering students under the age of 22. The term “entering students” includes new students to EPCC, transfer students, and returning students. Students must provide proof of an initial meningitis immunization or booster to Admissions and Registration Department at any campus. The meningitis immunization must be administered at least 10 days before the start of the semester and must have been administered within the last five years). Visit Admission and Registration EPCC web page for additional information. ([http://www.epcc.edu/Registration/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/Registration/Pages/default.aspx)).

**NOTE:** After vaccination is administered, you must wait 4-6 weeks for immunity to show up on the TITER.

- **Substance Abuse Screening** will be required for each student enrolling in health career programs with clinical components. For further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the Program Coordinator. **NOTE:** Substance abuse screening may not be completed for more than three (3) months prior to the first clinical education course. Website: [http://www.elpasoex.com](http://www.elpasoex.com). Highly recommended to have the Background Clearance, CPR, Required Immunizations and Titors, and Physical Examination completed 3-4 weeks before starting program.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC MATERIAL SHOULD BE TURNED IN AS SOON AS COMPLETED TO: Tony Ayub/EMSP Program Coordinator, MDP Campus, room D-132 - Telephone # (915) 831-7079 and # (915) 831-7070.

### POST-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Students enrolling in health career programs with clinical components must also meet Post-Program Specific Requirements prior to enrolling in specified clinical courses. The following is required of all applicants:

- Must file a degree plan with designated Health Counselor.
- **Current CPR Certification at the Professional Level** *(must be from American Heart Association-Healthcare Provider ONLY)*. Must include AED. *(Online CPR courses are not acceptable).*
- **Community Wide Orientation** *(Renewable every year).*(online at: [http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/](http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/)).
- **HIPAA TRAINING** *(Renewable every year).*(online at: [http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx)).
- **Liability Insurance** *(Professional Practice Insurance)* is required for all clinical and selected laboratory courses. This is paid upon enrollment. Proof of payment (your registration receipt) must be provided to the instructor.
- **Physical Exam** *(current)* completed by a Physician, Nurse Practitioner or Physician’s Assistant licensed in the United States. ([http://www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Documents/Report%20of%20Health%20Evaluation.pdf](http://www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Documents/Report%20of%20Health%20Evaluation.pdf)).
- **Physical Technical Standards Form** *(completed)*. ([http://www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Documents/Physical%20Form.pdf](http://www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Documents/Physical%20Form.pdf)).
- **Program Orientation**.
- **Specialized Equipment and/or Lab Supplies** must be purchased at student's expense in accordance with course syllabi. Detailed information will be provided by the Program Coordinator.
- **Uniforms** must be purchased at student's own expense. Detailed information will be provided by the Program Coordinator.
- Transportation: Students are responsible for their own transportation to off-campus clinical/learning sites.
- Textbooks and other course materials must be purchased at student's expense in accordance with course syllabi.

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In order to complete the requirement for progression and graduation, students enrolled in this program must have a grade of “C” or better in all EMSP Degree Courses and hold a minimum Texas Licensed Paramedic or be a Paramedic with an AAS degree from an accredited College or University.

CRITICAL CARE/FLIGHT PARAMEDIC PROGRAM COURSES

- EMSP 2163 Critical Care – Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)
- EMSP 2458 Clinical Care
- EMSP 2301 Pathophysiology

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Program Begins - Every Semester
- Maximum Students Admitted: 16 Students per scheduled section
- Community Wide Orientation online at: [http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/](http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/)
- HIPAA online at: [http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx)
- Online additional program-specific and career information: [http://www.epcc.edu/healthprogram](http://www.epcc.edu/healthprogram)
- Students who completed articulated or dual credit courses in health in high school should bring this to the attention of the counselor. College credit may still be available.
- EMS website: [http://www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Pages/EMS.aspx](http://www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Pages/EMS.aspx)

OTHER INFORMATION

- CPR and First Aid Courses are available through the EPCC Continuing Education Division. Please see the current Continuing Education Course Schedule or call 915-831-4116 for more information.
- Immunizations, physical examinations, and other health care services are available through the El Paso Community College Rio Grande Border Health Clinic located at the Rio Grande Campus.
- Call 915-831-4016 for appointments for the nursing clinic (immunizations and physical examinations).
- Call 915-831-4017 for appointments for the dental, medical sonography, or physical therapy clinics.

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