The following is required of all students enrolling in this program:

- Submit all previous college/university official transcripts (transliteration of all foreign coursework required).
- Must have a High School Diploma or GED. 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.
- Must have successfully completed the TSI Assessment Tests.
- 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.
Minimum required TSI Assessment (Level I) scores for EMBA Certificate of Completion

- Math (PTSM), 350
- Reading (PTSR), 351
- Writing (PTSW), 363
- Essay (PTSE), 4

- Official TSI Assessment scores are valid for five (5) years and only the most recent test score will be the one used for qualifying and ranking.
- Official TSI Assessment scores must contain all four (4) subject areas (Essay, Reading, Math, and Writing).
- Posting of TSI Assessment scores will take between 24 to 48 hours. TSI Assessment Tests must be completed at least 48 hours prior to ranking date.

▲ NOTE: No ranking/No mandatory courses are required for Advanced EMT and/or Basic EMS Certificates

***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. Students may enroll in selected courses in their last semester of their Associates of Applied Science Degree – Paramedic.

***It is highly recommended that the applicant complete the Pre-Program Specific Requirements at least three (3) weeks prior to the ranking date. The applicant must complete “Specialized Admissions” requirements for qualifying and ranking. There is a scheduled ranking date for this program. Normal processing may take a few days or a few weeks depending on document type and individual circumstances. 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.

PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC CRITERIA

**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. 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). 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 Titors

- **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.

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 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)).
- **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%20Technical%20Standards%20Form.pdf](http://www.epcc.edu/InstructionalPrograms/Documents/Physical%20Technical%20Standards%20Form.pdf)).
- **Professional Practice (Insurance Liability 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.
- **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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Check 2017-2018 El Paso Community College Catalog for Prerequisites

NOTE: STUDENTS SHOULD SUBMIT A GRADUATION APPLICATION TO RECEIVE BASIC EMS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION.
STUDENTS ARE ADVISED to refer to the course descriptions for all courses identified in the degree plan to ensure they have completed the appropriate prerequisites.

BASIC EMS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM COURSES

First Semester
BIOL 1306 General Biology-Science Majors I
BIOL 1106 General Biology-Science Majors Laboratory I
EMSP 1160 Clinical-Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic) I
EMSP 1501 Emergency Medical Technician
ENGL 1301 Expository English Composition
FIRS 1103 Firefighter Agility and Fitness Preparation OR
KINE 11xx Physical Activity Course (1100 Series)
PSYC 2301 Introduction to Psychology OR
PSYC 2314 Human Growth and Development

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Program Begins - Every Semester
- Maximum Students Admitted: 16 Students per scheduled section
- Community Wide Orientation online at: http://www.epcc.edu/cwo/
- HIPAA online at: http://www.epcc.edu/hipaa/Pages/default.aspx
- Online additional program-specific and career information: 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

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.

The Emergency Medical Services Programs is accredited by (CAAHEP) the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Address: 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158. Clearwater, FL 33763; Phone #: (727) 210-2350; Website: www.caahep.org., upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Education Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

The EMSP is approved by the Texas Department of State Health Services, Division of Emergency Management. See current EPCC catalog for contact information.

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