HEALTH CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, MATH & SCIENCE
Non-Specialized Admissions Program Information Guide
For
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (C1-EMTC)
2019-2020 Catalog

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GUIDED PATHWAYS PROGRAM

Guided Pathways provides additional information regarding salary projections, employment opportunities, licensure requirements and Educational milestones. WEB LINKS:
AAS FT: https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Catalog/Lists/DegreePlans/Attachments/103/AAS-EMSP_Program_Map_Full_Time_18_19.pdf

GENERAL CRITERIA

The Following Is Required Of All Students Enrolling In This Program:

➢ Student must submit all previous college/university official transcripts (transliteration of all foreign coursework required)
➢ Student 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. If applicable must complete the TSI Assessment tests.
➢ All academic and specialized courses listed on 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) would 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) would impact their financial aid or veteran’s assistance.
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.

### TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) COURSE PLACEMENT

#### Minimum Required TSI Assessment (Level I) Scores for EMTC 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 test have to be completed at least 48 hours prior to ranking date.

▲ **NOTE:** No ranking/No-mandatory courses are required for EMTC Certificate

### TEXAS SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

- **PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

**Applicants For Non-Specialized Programs Must Meet Pre-Program Specific Requirements Prior To Enrollment In EMT Program.** The Following Is Required Of All Applicants:

- **Background Check** - Each student must complete a background check prior to enrolling 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. You will receive a letter from the Dean of Health Career & Technical Education, Math & Science division to inform you of the status of your background check.

  Website: [http://www.elpasoex.com/](http://www.elpasoex.com/)

  ***NOTE:** If a student has not enrolled in a health-related program for one or more semesters, the student must redo the background check at his/her own expense.

  **NOTE:** A tracking system, COMPLIO, will assist students and coordinators alike to be compliant with immunizations, CPR, First Aid, physical, etc. All students participating in health programs must be part of the American Databank, in order to keep their clinical data in compliance and updated.

  Background checks are required 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. [http://www.elpasoex.com/](http://www.elpasoex.com/)

  There are two Levels of background checks: **Level I** applies to all students, and includes: (1) Social Security Number Verification. (2) Criminal Search 7 years minimum or up to five 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 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 two 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 any of the Health Programs.
Please note that many professional licensure or certification agencies may have additional requirements. You should reference the requirements for each agency.

**Immunizations and Titers** – The following must be completed.

- **POSITIVE TITER** required for Hepatitis B vaccination series of three and Titer (can take 4-6 months to complete) or Twinrix (Hepatitis A & B) series of four (4) shots: Days: #0, #7, #21, plus booster after 365 days or disease prior to TITER. The series have to be completed prior to starting clinical courses. Documentation of starting the series must be on file.
- **Tuberculosis (TB) screening** required annually. **NOTE:** It is highly recommended to complete any and all TB skin testing prior to receiving the MMR and/or Varicella vaccines. MMR or Varicella vaccines could cause a false negative TB skin test result.
  1. **Individuals who previously tested negative, or have never tested, or are not sure if previously tested.**
     a. **Initial 2 Step TB Skin Test** – Effective January 1, 2018 for all students/faculty new to health programs.
     i. Initial TB skin test (TST) administered and read 48-72 hours later.
     ii. If initial TB skin test is negative, a second TST must be administered no sooner than 7 days and no later than 21 days after administration of the initial TST.
     iii. If initial TB skin test is positive, DO NOT ADMINISTER a second TST. Individual needs Chest X-ray and annual TB Assessment/Clearance (or equivalent document) from Health Care Provider.
  2. **TB Skin Test Positive (previously).** Requires completed Annual TB Assessment/Clearance form.
     - **POSITIVE TITER** required for each two doses - Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccinations (MMR) (completed) and Titer.
     - **POSITIVE TITER** required for each two doses - Varicella Vaccination and Titer (completed).
     - **Tetanus/Diphtheria and Pertussis (TDAP)** (expires after 10 years).
     - **Influenza** is required (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 the 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 taken within the last five years). **NOTE:** If you have had the vaccination at an earlier date, you may start with a Titer, as the result will indicate if you need the vaccine. If you have not had the vaccination and after vaccination is applied, you must wait 4-6 weeks for immunity to show up on the TITER. Visit Admission and Registration EPCC web page for additional information. Website: [https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/immunization-law](https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/immunization-law)

**Substance Abuse Screening** will be required for each student enrolling in health career programs with clinical components. The student will be required to pay for any additional drug abuse screen test if it must be repeated for any reason. **NOTE:** Students must re-take and pay for substance abuse test if test was taken three months prior to the first clinical education course, for further information, please ask a Health Counselor or call the Program Coordinator. Website: [http://www.elpasoex.com/](http://www.elpasoex.com/)

*Highly recommended to have the Background Clearance, CPR, Required Immunizations and Titers, and Physical Examination completed before starting program.*

**PRE-PROGRAM SPECIFIC MATERIAL SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS COMPLETED TO:** Tony Ayub/EMSP Program Coordinator, MDP Campus, room D-128 with Cyndi Kabariti. Telephone # (915) 831-7057 and # (915) 831-7058.

**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 the designated Health Counselor.
- **Current CPR Certification** at a Professional Level. Must be from American Heart Association (AHA) CPR/BLS (only Health Provider training accepted). Military Training Network (AHA recognized) cards will be accepted. Hybrid AHA courses with live skills demonstration will be accepted. This must remain current throughout the course of the program (Certification may not be older than one year).
- **Community Wide Orientation** (Must be renewed every year). Website: [https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/community-wide-orientation](https://www.epcc.edu/Admissions/Orientation/community-wide-orientation)
- **Health Care Insurance** (Evidence). **NOTE:** Mandatory Healthcare insurance is required for students doing clinicals at healthcare facilities. (A list of approved contracted health insurance companies will be provided for distribution and purchase once available).
- **HIPAA Training** (Must be renewed every year). Website: [https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/hipaa](https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/hipaa)
Liability Insurance (Professional Practice Insurance) is required for all clinical and selected laboratory courses. This fee is paid during the time of enrollment. Instructor may ask for proof of payment (your registration receipt) on the first day of class.

Physical Exam (current) completed by a Physician, Nurse Practitioner or Physician’s Assistant licensed in the United States (No older than two years).

Website: https://www.epcc.edu/Administration/InstitutionalEffectiveness/PoliciesandProcedures/7.01.03.10.pdf#page=7

Physical Technical Standards Form (completed).
Website: https://www.epcc.edu/Administration/InstitutionalEffectiveness/PoliciesandProcedures/7.02.01.14.pdf

Specialized Equipment in accordance with course syllabi, students must purchase their own supplies. The program instructor will provide students with detailed information.

Uniforms: In accordance with course syllabi, students must purchase their own uniforms. The program instructor will provide students with detailed information.

Transportation: Students are responsible for their own transportation to off-campus clinical/learning sites.

Textbooks and other course materials must purchased at student’s expense in accordance with course syllabi.

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

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (C1-EMTC) PROGRAM COURSES

Check 2019-2020 El Paso Community College Catalog for Prerequisites

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<td>BIOL 2401</td>
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<td>Clinical-Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic) I, Co. EMSP 1501.</td>
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Program Begins: Every Semester
Maximum Students Admitted: 16 Students per scheduled section
Online additional program-specific and career information: https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health
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: https://www.epcc.edu/Academics/Health/ems
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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