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The East Arkansas Community College's Associate of Applied Science/Technical Certificate EMT-Paramedic Program *Information Packet* presents the program and requirements in effect at the time of publication but is no guarantee that they will not be changed or revoked. However, adequate and reasonable notice will be given to students affected by any changes. This *Information Packet* is not intended to state contractual terms and does not constitute a contract between the applicant and the school. Applicants are expected to become familiar with the rules and policies of East Arkansas Community College's Associate of Applied Science/Technical Certificate EMT-Paramedic Program and enter with the understanding that they will abide by these regulations.

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**ACCREDITATION**

East Arkansas Community College's Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). East Arkansas Community College's Paramedic Program received accreditation in May of 2010. The address of the CAAHEP is 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, Florida 33756. The telephone number is (727) 210-2354. The web address is <http://www.caahep.org>

East Arkansas Community College's Paramedic Program is also accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Emergency Medical Services Programs (CoAEMSP). The address of CoAEMSP is 8301 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 111-312, Rowlett, TX 75088. The telephone number is 214-703-8445. The web address is <http://www.coaemsp.org>

## **EACC EMT-PARAMEDIC PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY**

The EMT-Paramedic Program is an integral part of East Arkansas Community College and functions within the framework of the College Mission. The program prepares the graduate who, upon successful completion of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Exam, helps meet the emergent and non-emergent out-of-hospital healthcare needs of the citizens of Eastern Arkansas. The Program promotes economic development by preparing the graduate to implement injury prevention activities and administer emergency care that reduces death, disability, and healthcare costs, thereby increasing the standard of living for the community as a whole

The Faculty of East Arkansas Community College's EMT-Paramedic Program believes:

Every individual is worthy of dignity and respect and has the right to receive prompt emergency medical care and appropriate out-of-hospital healthcare.

Emergency medical care is defined by the individual and is classified as either an emergency or urgency. An emergency is any threat to life that requires prompt medical attention in an attempt to preserve life. Urgencies involve those aspects of healthcare, while necessary for adequate and appropriate care, are not considered to be immediate threats to life.

As an out-of-hospital provider of care, the graduate is able to determine appropriate interventions through the application of the pathophysiological principles of trauma and medical systems.

As a member of the Allied Health System, the graduate will be self-motivated with a strong work ethic and assume responsibility for all present and future learning.

Emergency Medical Technology is a necessary part of the Allied Health System and is broad in its scope. The members of the profession provide the community with an invaluable extension of the Allied Health Care System in bringing emergency healthcare into the homes and businesses of individuals in need of immediate lifesaving treatment.

## **DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM**

East Arkansas Community College's EMT-Paramedic Program offers two tracks: an Associate of Applied Science in EMT-Paramedic and a Technical Certificate in EMT-Paramedic. Once accepted, students will be required to participate in both classroom and clinical settings. The program is designed to be completed in eighteen (18) months, based on full time enrollment, exclusive of vacation time.

The EMT-Paramedic Program is for currently certified Arkansas EMTs who wish to advance to the EMT-Paramedic level. EACC does not offer Advanced Placement for the EMT-Paramedic program.

Upon graduation, students are eligible to challenge the National Registry of EMT-Paramedic's certifying exam. This exam is required to work in Arkansas as an EMT-Paramedic.

## **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of the program of study, the graduate is prepared to:

1. Integrate pathophysiological principles and assessment findings to formulate field impressions and implement treatment plans for patients who present with trauma and/or medical disease processes.
2. Apply for the certifying exam administered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic.
3. Perform as an entry-level EMT-Paramedic within the established "Scope of Practice" as defined by the Department of Transportation's National Standard Curriculum and in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills) and affective (behavior) learning domains.
4. Assume responsibility for pursuing future learning opportunities.
5. Function as a patient advocate within the Allied Health System by providing competent out-of-hospital care.
6. Communicate effectively

## **NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY**

East Arkansas Community College's EMT-Paramedic Program does not discriminate against any applicant/student and adheres to the College's Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, and Non-Discrimination policy. East Arkansas Community College is committed to providing equal opportunity through its employment practices, educational programs, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and services offered to the community. The College will make personnel decisions and offer programs that will foster educational opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, age, gender, pregnancy status, or disability of qualified handicapped persons.

## **ABILITIES REQUIREMENTS**

In order to achieve the EMT-Paramedic curriculum objectives, a student must be able to:

1. Assist in lifting and carrying injured and/or ill persons to and from the ambulance.
2. Engage in pushing and/or pulling to assist in extrication of a patient pinned beneath and inside A vehicle, and in vehicles with electrical hazards.
3. Walk, stand, lift, carry, and balance in excess of 125 pounds without assistance, (250 pounds with assistance) while lifting, pulling, pushing and carrying a patient.
4. Stoop, kneel, bend, crouch and crawl on uneven terrain to gain access to a patient.
5. Climb stairs, hillsides, and ladders to gain access to a patient.
6. Communicate verbally in person, via telephone and radio equipment.
7. Work in chaotic environments with loud noises and flashing lights.
8. Perform patient assessments, implement treatment, and calculate weight and volume rations under threatening time constraints.
9. Work effectively in low light, confined spaces, extreme environmental conditions and other dangerous environments while remaining calm.
10. Locate the scene of an emergency by reading maps and responding safely and quickly to the location as directed by the dispatcher while observing traffic ordinances.
11. Perform fine motor movements to perform IV insertion and surgical procedures within the EMT-Paramedic's Scope of Practice while in stressful situations and under threatening time constraints.
12. Perform major motor movements as required to operate the ambulance stretcher, long spine board, Kendrick's Extrication Device, scoop stretcher, traction splint, MAST trousers, and long bone immobilization devices.

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Students with disabilities who wish accommodations should contact the American Disabilities Act Coordinator, Student Services Complex, 633-4480, ext. 304. The admissions procedures for the Office for Students with Disabilities are as follows:

1. Student must provide the ADA contact with appropriate documentation giving evidence of a bonafide disability.
2. If necessary, the student will sign a release of information form to obtain documentation of disability.
3. Student will fill out an application for disabled student services.
4. The ADA contact will evaluate the needs of the student and inform him/her of accommodations which will be provided.
5. The Students with Disabilities Coordinator will inform instructors, Student Support Services, or other College personnel as appropriate for necessary accommodations.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Submit an EMT-Paramedic Application. Applicants who misrepresent/omit information from the application form become ineligible for admission or subject to dismissal after admission has been granted.
2. Request official transcript(s) to be mailed to both the registrar's office and the EMT-P program. Transcripts must be sent from any college, university, school of nursing, vocational/technical and/or any other school(s) attended beyond high school or completion of a GED.

**A. Registrar's Office**  
East Arkansas Community College  
1700 Newcastle Road  
Forrest City, AR 72335

**B. Department of Allied Health Science**  
Paramedic Program  
1700 Newcastle Road  
Forrest City, AR 72335

Transcripts must be sent from any college, university, vocational/technical and/or any other school(s) attended beyond high school or completion of a GED.

Note: Each transcript must be sent even if grades are recorded on another transcript. All transcripts must be mailed directly from the institution(s) to be considered official. All requested transcripts/information must be received by the application deadline.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Students are admitted to East Arkansas Community College's EMT-Paramedic Program once a year for Fall Admission.

### **DEADLINE FOR EMT-PARAMEDIC APPLICANTS**

**July 1**

**All information must be received Deadline**

If qualified applicant pool is not met by application deadline, the deadline may be extended at the discretion of the Restricted Enrollment Committee.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for admission, the applicant must:

1. Be admitted to East Arkansas Community College (see current East Arkansas Community College for application and admission procedure).
2. Complete any required College developmental courses.
3. Possess current Arkansas EMT certification or be in the testing process for initial certification or reciprocity. Students may enter the program but are not allowed to begin clinical hours until Arkansas EMT certification is obtained.

## APPLICATION REVIEW/NOTIFICATION

Applicants whose files are completed by the July 1st deadline will be considered by the Restricted Enrollment Committee for admission to the EMT-Paramedic Program. Notification of the committee's action will be made by letter during the month of June. There is no provisional acceptance for applicants not meeting the minimum requirements. East Arkansas Community College's EMT-Paramedic Program does not maintain a waiting list for students who meet the minimum requirements, but who are not offered admission.

### ACCEPTANCE

**Once an applicant has been accepted to the East Arkansas Community College's EMT-Paramedic Program, the candidate must:**

1. Accept in writing by the date indicated on the acceptance letter.
2. Obtain CPR certification. Certification must be American Heart Association Healthcare Provider and include Adult, child, Infant, Conscious, Unconscious, and Choking. Certification must be obtained prior to registration and must remain current for the entire program.
3. Have the following required immunizations with statement of proof:
  - a. Hepatitis B (The first shot in a series of three must be completed prior to registration or a waiver must be signed. Shots #2 and #3 must be completed as prescribed.)
  - b. Tetanus (Must be within the last 10 years)
  - c. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
  - d. Tuberculin Test (TB). Proof of a current, negative TB skin test (within the last 12 months) or a negative chest x-ray is a requirement for registration.
  - e. Flu Vaccine or must sign a waiver.
  - f. Varicella Vaccine or must sign a waiver.
4. Submit proof of health insurance.
5. Complete Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen process.
6. Report to the Director of the EMT-Paramedic Program, any convictions of a crime. Information will be reported to Arkansas Department of Health. Failure to report the conviction could result in immediate suspension and/or dismissal from the EMT-Paramedic Program. The Arkansas Department of Health, Division of Trauma and Health Systems will make the final determination to allow a student to take the National Registry of EMT-Paramedic Exam.
7. Attend a mandatory EMT-Paramedic orientation. Failure to attend may result in rescinding of acceptance.
8. Obtain malpractice insurance.

**All required documents must be submitted before the first day of classes.**

## **CREDIT BY PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT**

Students who possess knowledge for certain courses offered by the College may petition for credit by examination or experience. A maximum of 12 semester hours of college credit can be awarded through examination, experience or a combination of the two.

There are two types of CLEP exams, General and Subject. EACC awards credit for two of the five General Exams and fourteen of the Subject Exams. Credit is awarded for the humanities and natural sciences on the General Exams.

Credit may be earned by passing a comprehensive test prepared by either a commercial testing service (i.e., CLEP) or the Department of the College in which the credit is to be awarded. Credit for courses offered by EACC may also be granted upon related work experience.

Questions regarding the specifications of the CLEP test should be directed to Educational Guidance Services located in the Hodges Student Services Complex. Students who believe they qualify for credit by examination or previous work experience should contact the appropriate associate vice president.

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Curriculum Plan**

<b>Term I (Fall)</b>			<b>Semester Hrs</b>
BIO	2014	Anatomy & Physiology for Paramedic	4
EMT	1001	Emergency Medical Systems	1
EMT	1017	Fundamentals for Paramedic	7
EMT	1010	Clinical Applications of Fundamentals for Paramedic	0
MTH	1093	Math Applications II	3
HSC	1003	Medical Terminology	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>18</b>

<b>Term II (Spring)</b>			<b>Semester Hrs</b>
ENG	1013	English Composition I	3
EMT	1028	Medical Emergencies	8
EMT	1020	Clinical Applications of Medical Emergencies	0
EMT	1131	Prehospital Assessment Techniques	1
EMT	2303	Pharmacology for Paramedic	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>

<b>Term III (Summer)</b>			<b>Semester Hrs</b>
<b>Summer (10 weeks)</b>			
EMT	2037	Traumatology	7
EMT	2030	Clinical Applications of Traumatology	0

<b>Summer I (5 weeks)</b>			
BUS	1603	Computer Fundamentals	3

<b>Summer II (5 weeks)</b>			
ENG	1023	English Composition II – or –	
BUS	2013	Technical Communication	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>13</b>

<b>Term IV (Fall)</b>			<b>Semester Hrs</b>
SPE	1003	Introduction to Oral Communication	3
PSY	1003	General Psychology	3
EMT	2023	Concepts of Paramedic Care Management	3
EMT	2043	Operations for Paramedic	3
EMT	2046	Field Internship	6
<b>Total</b>			<b>18</b>

Total Credit Hours – EMT	39
Total Credit Hours – General Education	25
<b>Total Program Hours</b>	<b>64</b>

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EMT	1020	Clinical Applications of Medical Emergencies	0
EMT	1131	Prehospital Assessment Techniques	1
EMT	2303	Pharmacology for Paramedic	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>12</b>

<b>Term III (Summer)</b>			<b>Semester Hrs</b>
EMT	2037	Traumatology	7
EMT	2030	Clinical Applications of Traumatology	0
<b>Total</b>			<b>7</b>

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**EMT 2037      Traumatology      (4-9-7)**

This course deals with integration of the principles of kinematics to enhance the patient assessment and predict the likelihood of injuries based on the patient's mechanism of injury. Also studied are gynecological, obstetrical, neonatal, pediatric and geriatric patients.

**Pre-requisites: All EMT courses from Terms I and II**

**Pre or Co-requisites: EMT courses from Term III, EMT 2030**

**EMT 2030      Clinical Applications of Traumatology      (0-9-0)**

This course provides clinical rotations for training in the assessment and management of gynecological, obstetrical, neonatal, pediatric and geriatric patients. Students will address the transitions from the prehospital environmental to the controlled hospital settings.

**Co-requisite: EMT 2037**

**EMT 2043      Operations for Paramedic      (3-0-3)**

Topics studied in this course include operations that affect the scene, safety, assessments, and management. Also studied are hazardous materials, crime scene awareness, rescue operations, medical incident command.

**Prerequisites: All EMT courses from Terms I, II, and III**

**Co-requisites: EMT courses from Term IV**

**FISDAP Fee: \$25**

**Malpractice Fee: \$80**

**EMT 2046      Field Internship      (0-20-6)**

This field internship requires students to complete 300 clock hours on the ambulance and serve as a team leader on an advanced life support unit. Students will be required to complete 50 team lead contacts. Students will have supervised experience in the prehospital care setting applying previously learned knowledge and skills.

**Co-requisites: EMT courses from Term IV**

**EMT 2303      Pharmacology for Paramedic      (3-0-3)**

This course covers drug laws, indications and administration of emergency drugs, along with mathematical calculation of dosages.

**COSTS OTHER THAN TUITION  
(APPROXIMATE COSTS)**

All costs are approximate and subject to change. All East Arkansas Community College students pay the same tuition rates subject to residency status as published in the Tuition and Fees section of the current East Arkansas Community College Catalog.

The following are approximate costs other than tuition for the EMT-Paramedic Program. These costs are approximate and may change. **The Criminal Background and Drug Screen for clinicals will be approximately \$150.00 annually in August.**

**Costs Other Than Tuition**

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Term I</b>	<b>Term II</b>	<b>Term III</b>	<b>Term IV</b>	
Uniforms, Shoes, Stethoscope, Penlight, etc.	~\$300	X	X	X	
Malpractice Insurance	~\$80	X	X	~\$80	
Immunization Requirements	~\$350	X	X	X	
Travel/Parking Fees to Clinicals	~\$350	~\$350	~\$350	~\$350	
Health Insurance	varies	varies	varies	varies	
ACLS Card Fee	X	\$10	X	X	
Textbooks	~\$450	\$350	\$100	\$200	
License Fee (State Certification)	X	X	X	In-State	Out-of-State
				\$22.50	\$37.50
Criminal Background Check & Drug Screening	~\$150	X	X	X	
Matriculation	\$50	X	X	X	
FISDAP	\$80	X	X	\$26.50	
CPR Certification	\$45	X	X	X	
Criminal Background for licensure	X	X	X	~\$50	
College Matriculation Fee	\$50	X	X	X	
NREMT Licensure Fee	X	X	X	\$110	

Costs are approximate and may change.

~ = Approximate

X = No cost during that term

**FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS**

The Financial Aid Office at East Arkansas Community College seeks to provide financial assistance to any student who, without such support, could not attend the College. A comprehensive program of financial aid in the form of scholarships, loans, grants, and jobs is provided to qualifying students.

**Please see current East Arkansas Community College Catalog for more information or visit the Financial Aid Office in the Hodges Building Complex.**

## REFUND POLICY

No refunds of student tuition/fees will be made unless a student OFFICIALLY withdraws through the Office of Admissions and Registration. Full refunds are given only if a student officially drops or withdraws before the first day of the semester. If a refund is due to a student receiving financial aid from any Federal Financial Aid program, a portion of the refund shall be returned to the Financial Aid program in accordance with federal regulations. **Students who fail to follow the proper withdrawal procedures will be responsible for tuition once classes begin. Failure to attend classes does not constitute an official drop/withdrawal.**

No refunds are given for drops, withdrawals or non-attendance after the 11th day of a spring/fall semester or after the 11th day equivalent of a summer term.

### Refund Schedule:

#### Credit Courses- **Spring & Fall Semester**

Prior to First Day of Semester 100%

First Day of Classes Through 11th Class Day 80%

After the 11th Class Day NONE

#### Credit Courses- **Summer**

Prior to First Day of Semester 100%

First Day of Classes Through 4th Class Day 50%

After 4th Class Day NONE

## GRADING POLICY

The grading policy for all EMT-Paramedic courses is as follows:

1. The grading scale of all EMT-Paramedic courses is:
  - A 92-100
  - B 84-91
  - C 78-83
  - D 71-77
  - F 70 and below
2. The minimum score to pass any EMT-Paramedic course is 78. Fractional parts of numerical grades will be rounded off to the nearest whole number according to mathematical principles. (I.e. 77.5 will become 78).
3. Both a minimum averages of 78 in theory and in clinical/campus lab activity and assignment are required in order to pass any EMT-Paramedic course.
4. Failure of either the theory or clinical component of an EMT-Paramedic course results in the student repeating both the theory and clinical components.

## GRADUATION POLICY

The EMT-Paramedic Program subscribes to East Arkansas Community College's requirements for graduation (see current College Catalog for graduation information). **All students are required to complete an "Intent to Graduate" form in order to complete the program.**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Administration</b>	
<b>Vice President for V.O.T.E (Vocational, Occupational and Technical Education)</b>	Robert Summers.....870-633-5411 ext. 231 <a href="mailto:rsummers@eacc.edu">rsummers@eacc.edu</a>
<b>EMT-Paramedic Program Director</b>	Jack Hill.....870-633-4480 ext. 469 <a href="mailto:jhill@eacc.edu">jhill@eacc.edu</a>
<b>Departments</b>	
<b>Admissions, Registration, &amp; Records</b> Betty Jo Hodges Building	Inquire about admission Receive a current catalog or class schedule Obtain a transcript or view grades Make address or name changes Obtain transcript evaluation Obtain a drop, add or withdrawal form
<b>Advisors' Offices</b> Office Building 5	Plan schedule and register for next term Drop or add classes Receive major/degree information Discuss graduation requirements and/or degree audit Receive info about credit by examination/experience
<b>Bookstore</b> Student Center	Purchase books, computer disks, supplies, clothing items
<b>Business Office</b>	Request refunds Receive financial aid disbursements Make arrangements for payment plans
<b>Career Pathways</b> Office Building 3	Inquire about tuition assistance, childcare assistance, transportation assistance, tutoring services, advising and career counseling
<b>Cashier</b> Student Center	Pay tuition and fees Pay for a transcript Pay matriculation fee Pay for dropping or adding a class
<b>Counseling Center</b> Betty Jo Hodges Building	Inquire about ACT, CLEP, PRAXIS, and AAGE/CAAP tests Take the ACT or ACCUPLACER placement exams Register for first semester at EACC Discuss career opportunities Decide on college major Receive advisor assignment Receive information about transfer colleges

	<p>Inquire about veteran benefits  Discuss ANY problem  Receive information about accommodation for students with disabilities</p>
<p><b>Financial Aid Office</b>  Betty Jo Hodges Building</p>	<p>Inquire about financial assistance (loans, grants, scholarships, work-study, and/or tuition waivers)</p>
<p><b>Student Activities</b>  Student Center</p>	<p>Receive parking permit  Ask about and sign up for activities  Sign up for intramural sports  Become an EACC ambassador  Become a member of M-MAP Program  Become a member of Diverse Women</p>
<p><b>Student Affairs</b>  Administration</p>	<p>Discuss any problem  Place organizational events on activity calendar  Place posters on bulletin boards  Inquire about organizations or clubs  Report any student misconduct or emergency  Request student insurance</p>
<p><b>Student Support Services</b>  Betty Jo Hodges Building</p>	<p>Receive tutorial assistance  Obtain assistance with academic courses  Work with a mentor  Arrange for a visit to a four-year school</p>
<p><b>Community Education and Workforce Development</b>  Learning Resource Center</p>	<p>Receive information on Community Education programs for students of all ages  Receive information on customized training opportunities for businesses and industries</p>
<p><b>The Learning Center</b>  Betty Jo Hodges Building</p>	<p>Receive free tutorial assistance</p>
<p><b>Library</b>  Learning Resource Center</p>	<p>Utilize multimedia lab  Obtain resources and do research  Obtain student ID's  Access the Internet  Make copies</p>
<p><b>Eastern Arkansas Literacy Project</b></p>	<p>Learning Resource Center – Room L101</p>

