

EMT/Paramedic Programs are Available at the Following Community Colleges:

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Allan Hancock College
American River College
Antelope Valley College
Bakersfield College
Barstow College
Butte College
Cabrillo College
Cerritos College
Cerro Coso College
Chabot College
Citrus College
City College of San Francisco
College of Marin
College of the Canyons
College of the Desert
College of the Redwoods
College of the Sequoias
College of the Siskiyous
Columbia College
Cosumnes River College
Contra Costa College
Copper Mountain College
Crafton Hills College
Cuesta College
East Los Angeles College
El Camino College
Feather River College
Folsom Lake College
Foothill College
Fresno City College
Glendale College
Hartnell College
Imperial Valley College
Lake Tahoe College
Lassen College

Las Positas College
Long Beach City College
Los Angeles Harbor College
Los Angeles Valley College
Los Medanos College
Mendocino College
Merced College
Merritt College
Mission College
Modesto Junior College
Monterey Peninsula College
Moreno Valley College
Mount San Antonio College
Mt. San Jacinto College
Napa Valley College
Orange Coast College
Oxnard College
Palo Verde College
Palomar College
Pasadena City College
Porterville College
Rio Hondo College
Riverside City College
Saddleback College
San Diego Miramar College
San Jose City College
San Joaquin Delta College
Santa Ana College
Santa Barbara City College
Santa Rosa Junior College
Shasta College
Sierra College

Skyline College
Solano College
Southwestern College
Ventura College
Victor Valley College
West Hills College
West Los Angeles College
Yuba College

Paramedic

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Bakersfield College
Butte College
City College of San Francisco
College of the Siskiyous
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El Camino College
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Sources for Further Information About Emergency Medical Services:

California Emergency Medical Services Authority:

<http://www.emsa.ca.gov> for more information.

Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics:

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocosl01.htm>

EMSresource.net

<http://emsresource.net>

National Association of EMT's

www.naemt.org

National registry of EMT's:

www.nremt.org

For a directory of all allied health programs offered at California's Community Colleges:

www.ca-hwi.org

For information on salaries go to:

labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

salarysurfer.cccco.edu

Check with your local Community College for EMR offerings.

For more information, please contact one of the colleges listed above or explore the web resources. For additional information regarding this brochure please contact: The Health Workforce Initiative at Butte College (530) 892-3060 www.ca-hwi.org



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EMS Facts and Job Opportunities

The long standing EMS role in the 911 system remains a vibrant job market.

The new EMS roles are evolving with program development for mobile integrated Health Care/Community advanced level treatment for the Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP).

According to the National Association of EMTs, 40% of EMS jobs are in private ambulance services, 30% in local government (i.e. fire departments), 20% hospitals, and 10% other services.



What does an Emergency Medical Services Provider Do?

There are several levels of service that exist to provide medical care during a medical crisis.



Very often, the provision of EMS can significantly reduce human suffering and can save lives.

At the entry level, the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) provides First Aid. Emergency Medical Responder training is often required for ambulance personnel, firefighters, police, day camp employees, and lifeguards.

The next level is the Emergency Medical Technician. The EMT provides a much broader scope of basic care and is an integral component of the 911 system but also may work in dispatch, industrial medicine, hospitals



and other areas in need of basic emergency medical care. EMT advanced certification allows the EMT to provide limited advanced life support with additional training.

The highest level of service is the Paramedic. They can provide basic and advanced level care to patients and are the medical authority at the scene of medical emergencies. The Paramedic position is evolving currently to meet healthcare challenges. The Community Paramedic provides care, social service and referral intervention to patients. The 911 Paramedic responds to medical emergencies in an ambulance or aircraft. The Critical Care Paramedic has an expanded role in providing additional intensive care during critical transports between hospitals.



Education and Licensure

There are four levels of training: Emergency Medical Responder (First Responder), Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Technician - Advanced and



Paramedic. EMR certification courses are a minimum of 40 hours and can result in the acquisition of a certificate in Basic Life Support CPR. EMT programs are a minimum of 160 hours and include clinical internship. EMTs receive a certificate and are tested at the National Registry level. EMTs may provide limited advanced life support with additional course work as an EMT-Advanced. Paramedic certification is the highest level of training in Emergency Medical Services. The minimum program requirement is 1,090 hours. Training is progressive, building on experience and knowledge. Each step of advancement has specific training requirements in addition to continuing education classes required for recertification.

EMT/Paramedic Training provides a solid foundation for career ladder opportunities such as:

Emergency Department Physicians, Trauma & ER Nurses, Physician Assistants and Emergency Medevac Flight Teams.

Personal Characteristics and Working Conditions

- Desire to help others in emergency situations.
- Ability to remain calm under stressful and often dangerous situations.
- Ability to think quickly with good assessment skills.
- Ability to work well under pressure.
- Good communication skills and the ability to follow directions.
- Ability to work well in a team.
- Mechanical aptitude with good manual dexterity.
- Excellent physical health and tolerance for working in a variety of outdoor conditions.
- Empathy and compassion.
- Stamina to work 12 or 24 hour shifts and/or nights, weekends and holidays.