**What is an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)?**

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) care for patients at the scene and while taking patients by ambulance to a hospital. An EMT has the emergency skills to assess a patient's condition and manage respiratory, cardiac, and trauma emergencies.

**What does an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) do?**

* 1. Respond to 911 calls for emergency medical assistance, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or bandaging a wound
  2. Assess a patient’s condition and determine a course of treatment
  3. Follow guidelines that they learned in training and that they receive from physicians who oversee their work
  4. Use backboards and restraints to keep patients still and safe in an ambulance for transport
  5. Help transfer patients to the emergency department of a healthcare facility and report their observations and treatment to the staff
  6. Create a patient care report; documenting the medical care they gave the patient
  7. Replace used supplies and check or clean equipment after use

**What kind of qualities do I need to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)?**

* 1. **Compassion:**EMTs and paramedics must provide emotional support to patients in an emergency, especially patients who are in life-threatening situations or extreme mental distress.
  2. **Interpersonal skills:**EMTs almost always work on teams and must be able to coordinate their activities closely with others in stressful situations.
  3. **Listening skills:**EMTs need to listen to patients to determine the extent of their injuries or illnesses.
  4. **Physical strength:**EMTs need to be physically fit. Their job requires a lot of bending, lifting, and kneeling.
  5. **Problem-solving skills:**EMTs need strong problem-solving skills. They must evaluate patients' symptoms and administer the appropriate treatments.
  6. **Communication skills:**EMTs need to be able to comfort and explain procedures to the patient, give orders, and relay information to others.

**How can I become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)?**

Basic Emergency Medical Care (EMSE 1005) is a one (1) semester, five (5) credit-hour course offered at BRCC through a partnership between East Baton Rouge Parish Emergency Medical Services**(**EBR EMS) and BRCC. Upon successful completion of the course, the student is eligible to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) examination for certification as an EMT. In addition, all states require the EMT to be licensed.

**Will I have to complete any prerequisite courses before I can enter the EMT course (EMSE 1005)?**

No, you are not required to complete any prerequisite courses. However, you must be eligible to enroll in Algebra Foundations II (Math 0099) and English Composition I (ENGL 1013). Eligibility will be determined using the guidelines below:

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|  | English | Math |
| Accuplacer⬩ | 86-117 | 65-120 |
| COMPASS⬩ | COEN: 68 – 100 | COPA: 55-99 & COAL 18-39 |
| ACT⬩ | 18 or higher | 17-18 |
| SAT | scores 450 or higher | 400-459 |
| Previous enrollment ENGL 1013 & MATH 0099 |  |  |

⬩Test scores must be not be older than 3 years at the time of admission to the program.

**How much will it cost to complete the EMT course (EMSE 1005)?**

* Students should take into consideration the following  expenses while enrolled in health care programs
* Health History, Physical Examination, TB Skin Test, Drug Screens, and Immunizations
* Criminal Background Check and Fingerprint Cards
* Textbooks/Uniforms/Testing fees for EMT National Registry
* The remaining expenses are **"standard tuition rates"** of Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC).

\***These items will be required AFTER you have been officially enrolled in EMSE 1005 and notified by the course instructor.**

**What steps do I need to take to enter the EMT course (EMSE 1005)?**

1. Any student interested in enrolling in EMSE 1005 **MUST** attend a mandatory EMT Group Advisement/Information Session and sign the “Intent to Enroll” form. State and federal requirements that students must adhere to before enrolling in EMSE 1005 will be discussed.
2. Registration is not required to attend the session. The sessions last approximately 45 minutes. Date, time and location of the sessions are included on the EMT Group Advisement/Information Session Schedule which is posted on the Nursing and Allied Health Division link of the BRCC website.
3. Must apply for admission to BRCC.
4. Must be eligible to enroll in Elementary Algebra and English. ACCUPLACER, COMPASS Placement Test score, ACT score, SAT score or course enrollment will be used to determine eligibility to enroll in Elementary Algebra (MATH 0099) and English Composition I (ENGL 1013).

**How can I enroll in the EMT course (EMSE 1005)?**

Students cannot self-enroll in the EMT course (EMSE 1005). The first 20 students to complete and submit all required documentation will be enrolled in the course by the instructor and the Office of Enrollment Services. After students are enrolled in the course, they will be notified that registration fees must be paid in order to secure their enrollment. EMSE 1005 is offered twice a year during the Fall and Spring semesters. The class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 am until 5 pm.

**Where can I work as an EMT?**

* Ambulance services
* Local government
* Hospitals
* Offices of physicians

**What is the salary for Emergency Medical Technicians?**

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the median annual wage of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) is $30,360. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-13 Edition, EMTs and Paramedics,<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/emts-and-paramedics.htm>, January 31, 2013).

**Where can I find more information about Emergency Medical Technicians?**

* National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians <http://www.naemt.org/>
* National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Office of Emergency Medical Services (NTI-140)<http://www.ems.gov/>
* National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians <http://www.nremt.org/>