College of the Desert
Emergency Medical Technician Program

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Program Information:

This course consists of 136 classroom hours in addition to clinical hours. Students will be scheduled for clinical hours by the primary instructor. The State of California EMS Authority determines the number of hours required for this course. Attendance in all sections is mandatory in order to successfully complete the program. Students who plan to enroll in the web-enhanced or hybrid EMT program must have access to a computer with internet access. One of the following operating systems is required in order to access the online programs that will be utilized in these EMT Programs: Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome or Apple Safari. The majority of the on-line learning will be accomplished by using two Learning Management Systems; Blackboard and My Brady Lab. Students must possess good time management and college study skills to be successful in this class.

Physical Requirements:
Must have full mobility and be able to lift 100 lbs. Must be able to pass hearing and vision tests. Refer to medical form.

Legal Requirements:
Must be 18 years of age upon enrollment and must be able to pass the required background checks. Must not have felonies, multiple misdemeanors, violent, sexual or drug-related convictions.

NREMT:
This program is designed to prepare the student to successfully pass the National Registry EMT Certification test as required by the State of California EMS Authority. The student will then be eligible to apply for a state-issued EMT Certification which is valid for two years. The student must then renew this certification every two years.

Location and Time:

Medical Forms:
Must be complete and stamped/signed by a physician, physician’s assistant or nurse practitioner.
The following are local offices where students can obtain physicals and/or immunizations:

Stat Urgent Care  
Robert Czako, M.D.  
73211 Fred Waring Drive  
Palm Desert (760) 837-0321

COD School Nurse  
Cravens Student Services Center  
(760) 776-7211

Travel Medicine  
69-846 Hwy 111, Suite D  
Rancho Mirage (760) 321-0967

Knight Chiropractic  
79-440 Corporate Dr. Ste 108  
La Quinta (760) 564-4052

Required Texts, Uniform and Equipment:

Required texts:

*Prehospital Emergency Care 10th Edition*  
Joseph J. Mistovich, Keith J. Karren  
13: 978-0-13-336913-7

Recommended texts:

*A Brief Atlas of the Human Body*  
Matt Hutchinson, Jon Mallatt, Elaine N. Marieb

*Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary*  
F.A. Davis
Uniform / Equipment:

Guys & Gals
1105 Gene Autry Trail
Palm Springs (760) 325-7806

Angie’s Uniforms
57353 29 Palms Hwy, Ste. B
Yucca Valley (760) 365-5156

Marivic’s Scrubs & More
36-101 Bob Hope Drive #E-3
Rancho Mirage (760) 202-4800
81557 Dr. Carreon Blvd.
Indio (760) 342-0234

Yellow Mart

Big 5 Sporting Goods

COD Bookstore – EMT Polo Shirt

Background Check:

You will need internet access and a credit/debit card.
1. Log on to www.verifystudents.com
2. Click the “Start Here” button
3. Enter the code: CODEMT. Then hit the “GO” button
4. Carefully complete the online application section in its entirety
5. Enter your credit/debit card information (Visa, MasterCard, AMEX or Discover Card)
6. Print a copy of your application
7. Click “Submit” at the end of the process
8. Print a confirmation of submission
9. Make sure you request a copy to be sent to you as well
10. Turn in a copy of the submission confirmation to your instructors

CPR:

An American Heart Association Healthcare Provider card is required for the program. Class date and time to be announced.
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

EMT

See College website for dates, times and location. It is mandatory that all interested attend an information session to receive required documents.

Uniform

Required for all classes, field and clinical
Program-approved shirts $25.00
Black or navy blue uniform pants $40.00
Black, polishable boots or shoes $40.00
Black duty-type belt $25.00
Watch with second hand $20.00
College ID $10.00

Books and Equipment

Textbook $80.00
3-ring binder $5.00
Writing utensils $5.00
Stethoscope $20.00
Blood pressure cuff $20.00
Trauma shears $5.00
Penlight $3.00
Safety glasses $5.00
HepMask-N95 $5.00
Medical evaluation $100.00
Background checks TBD

All prices are estimates.

Physical Requirements

Must have full mobility and be able to lift 100 lbs. Must have a medical evaluation to include current vaccinations completed prior to the second (2nd) class meeting. Medical form can be downloaded from the College’s website under EMT program.

Legal Requirements

NO felonies or multiple misdemeanors. Background checks are required for this program. Additional information will be made available at the scheduled information sessions.
College of the Desert
Emergency Medical Technician Program

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The Emergency Medical Technician Program offered by College of the Desert prepares individuals to recognize illnesses and injuries and to provide emergency treatment at the scene of an emergency or in an emergency department.

This course consists of 136 hours of didactic instruction and additional hours of clinical instruction. An American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR/AED course is available to students enrolled in this program.

Upon successful completion of this program and an AHA Healthcare Provider CPR/AED card, the student is eligible to take the EMT National Registry Exam. Upon successful completion of the EMT National Registry Exam, the student is eligible to apply to their local Emergency Medical Services authority for his/her certification as an EMT. This certification is required to work as an EMT in the State of California.

The following are some local agencies/hospitals where an EMT may be eligible for employment. Please contact these agencies/hospitals directly for employment requirements and opportunities.

American Medical Response – Palm Springs – (760) 883-5000
Blythe Ambulance/AMR – Blythe – (760) 922-8460
Cathedral City Fire Department – Cathedral City – (760) 770-8200
Combat Center Fire Department – 29 Palms – (760) 830-6871
Desert Regional Medical Center – Palm Springs – (760) 323-6511
Eisenhower Memorial Hospital – Rancho Mirage – (760) 340-3911
El Centro Regional Medical Center – Blythe – (760) 339-7100
Gold Cross Ambulance – El Centro – (760) 353-3380
Hi Desert Medical Center – Joshua Tree – (760) 366-3711
John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital – Indio – (760) 347-6191
Knott’s Soak City Water Park – Palm Springs – (760) 327-0499
Mission Ambulance – Palm Springs – (760) 778-6034
Morongo Basin Ambulance – Joshua Tree – (760) 366-8474
Palm Springs Fire Department – Palm Springs – (760) 323-8181
Palo Verde Hospital – Blythe – (760) 921-5216
Riverside County Fire Department (CalFire) – www.rvcfire.org
San Bernardino County Fire Department – (909) 387-6007
San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital – (951) 845-1121
West Shore Ambulance – Mecca – (760) 395-6800
COLLEGE OF THE DESERT
Public Safety Academy / EMT
43-500 Monterey Avenue, Palm Desert, CA 92260
Pre-Entrance Medical Record

APPLICANT:__________________________

Last First Middle

Dear Healthcare Provider: Please document findings in the designated areas, then date and sign. Please provide student with copies of their lab results, as they will need to prove their immunity to the health care agencies in order to participate in the clinical/field experience.

Two-step TB testing shall be mandatory for all students.

Initial PPD Tuberculin test (Mantoux) Date Read:_______ Reaction:_______ Sign:__________

If initial test is negative, Repeat test 1-3 weeks later Date Read:_______ Reaction:_______ Sign:__________

If 2nd PPD is not done within the above time frame, the student will have to repeat both portions of the two-step and will not be eligible to complete the EMT program at this time.

**If the initial PPD is positive, the student must obtain a chest x-ray showing clear results. Results of chest x-ray:___________ Date Taken:_________ Date Read:_________

Please attach a copy of the chest x-ray report signed by a doctor.

Proof of immunity titers or date of vaccinations for:

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<td>Rubeola Immunization</td>
<td>Immunity: Yes No Date#1:______ Date#2:______</td>
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<td>Mumps Immunization</td>
<td>Immunity: Yes No Date#1:______ Date#2:______</td>
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<td>Varicella Immunization</td>
<td>Immunity: Yes No Date#1:______ Date#2:______</td>
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<tr>
<td>Last Tetanus/TDAP</td>
<td>Date:________________________</td>
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<td>Current Flu Vaccination</td>
<td>Date:________________________</td>
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Evidence of Immunity to be documented by positive Titer results.

All students are required to begin the Hepatitis B series prior to being scheduled for clinical/field hours even though the series may not be completed prior to course completion.

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<td>Date:________  Hep B Surface Antigen ( )Non-reactive ( )Reactive</td>
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<td>Date:________  Hep B Surface Antibody ( ) Non-reactive ( )Reactive</td>
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<td>Vaccination #3:</td>
<td>Date:________  Hep B Core Antigen ( )Non-reactive ( )Reactive</td>
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Titers showing immunity: To be done 30 days after 3rd vaccination is completed. If titers fail to indicate immunity, immunizations and follow-up titers must be completed in order for student to be eligible for clinical/field scheduling.

Healthcare Provider: __________________________ Date:________________________
Signature: __________________________________________ Professional Stamp:
Address:____________________________________________
City/State/Zip______________________________________
Phone:_____________________________________________
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, students must be, with reasonable accommodation, physically and mentally capable of performing the essential functions of the program. The Core Performance Standards adopted by the EMS Program include the following:

Physical Requirements – Student must be able to:
- Lift approximately 100 pounds.
- Be on your feet 6-12 hours at a time and perform activities that include reaching, balancing, carrying, pushing, pulling, bending, squatting, climbing, walking on varied terrain, and sitting for long periods.
- Lift and transfer equipment and/or patients from floor to gurney height.
- Lift and transfer equipment and/or patients from gurney to bed height.
- Lift and adjust positions of bedridden patients.
- Physically apply up to 10 pounds of pressure to bleeding sites or to the chest in the performance of CPR using hands and wrists.
- Maneuver in small spaces quickly and with ease.
- Perform fine motor skills that require hand-eye coordination in the use of small instruments, equipment and syringes.
- Feel and compress tissues to assess for size, shape, texture, and temperature.

Senses – Student must be able to:
- Visually read scales in increments of one-hundredth of an inch in not more than a three-inch space.
- Visually read maps in small print.
- Perform close and distinct visual activities involving persons and paperwork.
- Visually discriminate depth.
- Identify and distinguish odors that are pungent, the products of infection or metabolic imbalance.
- Respond and react immediately to verbal instruction, requests or signals and monitoring equipment.
- Perform auditory assessments requiring the distinguishing of variances in sounds.

After conducting a physical examination and reviewing the applicant’s medical history, do you consider the applicant free from communicable diseases, able to meet the physical requirements as stated above and able to undertake an educational program in Emergency Services?

YES_______ NO_______

REMARKS

Healthcare Provider: ____________________________  Name (print) ____________________________  Signature ____________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

Phone: _____________________________________________________________

Professional Stamp: ____________________________

1/02, 4/08, 6/11, 4/14
Directions to Emergency Medical Technician Students:

Use black ink on all forms.

All requirements must be completed and the required forms presented to your instructor on the date specified by your instructor the first night of class. Your medical packet will not be accepted if incomplete or submitted after the deadline.

No students will be eligible to enter the required clinical or field portion of the program without the completed medical packet, background checks and CPR card. Remember to attach all required documentation for verification.

All students will incur costs of meeting the health requirements, background checks, copies of necessary forms for submission, and personal file copies.

MAKE COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS BEFORE TURNING ORIGINALS INTO YOUR INSTRUCTOR. THESE COPIES WILL BE FOR YOUR PERSONAL FILE. KEEP TRACK OF THEM.
EMT STUDENT CHECKLIST

Prior to Registering:

_____ Information session
_____ Assessment testing
_____ EMR (beginning Fall 2014)
_____ Eng 50 (recommended)

Prior to Beginning the Program:

_____ Medical form completion & documentation
_____ Background check & documentation
_____ Textbooks
_____ Uniform
_____ Equipment

Prior to Completing the Program:

_____ AHA Healthcare Provider certification
_____ Field verification
_____ Patient contact documentation
_____ FEMA online courses
_____ Group presentation
_____ Vital signs verification sheet
_____ Skills check-off sheet

Uniform/Equipment:

_____ EMS shirt
_____ Uniform pants
_____ Watch
_____ Belt
_____ Boots
_____ Stethoscope
_____ Blood pressure cuff
_____ Trauma shears
_____ Safety glasses

Textbooks:

_____ Textbook
_____ 3-ring binder
_____ Paper/writing utensils