

Careers in Emergency Medical Services

Career Options:

Emergency Medical Technician-Basic: Respond by ambulance to medical emergencies. Examine victims and administer first aid and emergency basic life support.

Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate: Perform more complex procedures such as inserting intravenous catheters, administering intravenous glucose solutions, administering a limited number of drugs, and obtaining blood samples for laboratory analysis.

Paramedic: In addition to the procedures performed by basic EMTs, paramedics may administer drugs, interpret electrocardiograms (EKGs), perform endotracheal intubation, and use monitors and other complex equipment.

Skills and Abilities:

- Calm and emotionally stable
- Accuracy and attention to detail
- Ability to understand and follow instruction
- Ability to make good decisions and use personal judgment
- Physically able to lift and carry heavy loads
- Good driving record, current drivers' license/insurance

Associate of Applied Science Degree
Paramedic

Salary Range: \$12 - \$15/hr
\$25,000 - \$32,000

Technical Certificate
EMT-Intermediate

Salary Range: \$8 - \$14/hr
\$17,000 - \$29,000

Certificate of Proficiency
EMT-Basic

Salary Range: \$8 - \$9/hr
\$16,000 - \$20,000/yr

Adult Education
Job Readiness
Soft Skills Training

Assessment
Individual Career Plan

Working Conditions:

- May work more than 40 hours per week with irregular hours and be "on call"
- Work requires bending, kneeling and lifting
- Work is physically strenuous and stressful
- Ability to drive under adverse conditions

For More Information:

If you'd like to know more about how to get started on a path to a new career, stop by our office at 2304 W. 29th Ave. in Pine Bluff, or give us a call at 870.535.6233.

Earning Power*

EMT-Basic	\$16,000 - \$20,000
EMT-Intermediate	\$17,000 - \$29,000
Paramedic	\$25,000 - \$32,000

* Salary ranges are estimates only; actual salary may vary.

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Before You Begin:

Assessment

Assessment of financial aid and support services needs, career interests and aptitudes assessment, and an academic skill assessment.

Individual Career Plan

Develop an Individual Career Plan that serves as a road map with short and long-term goals and taking you from choosing a career to becoming employed to reaching your short and long-term career goals.

Basic & Workplace Education

Some students may need to work on their basic and workplace education skills before starting a job or entering college.

A student's Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) score is used to determine the need for GED certification, Adult Education, Basic Skill Training, and WAGE certification.

Portfolio Credit*

Get a jump start on your education by turning your life and work experience into college credit. Students can earn up to 15 credits for technical courses identified with an (*) for education and learning acquired outside the classroom.

The Career Options	The Money You Can Earn	The Training You'll Need
Entry Level Emergency Medical Technician-Basic	The Money \$8 to \$9 an hour \$1,300 to \$1,600 per month \$16,000 - \$20,000 per year	The Training Earn a high school diploma Take basic EMT course*
Skilled Jobs Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate	The Money \$8 to \$14 an hour \$1,400 to \$2,400 per month \$17,000 - \$29,000 per year	The Training Earn a Technical Certificate Take Intermediate EMT course
Professional Jobs EMT-Paramedic	The Money \$12 to \$15 an hour \$2,000 to \$2,600 per month \$25,000 - \$32,000 per year	The Training Earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree Take courses in: English Composition College Algebra Human Anatomy Physiology Pharmacology Critical Cardiac Care Microbiology