Emergency Medical Technician

JOB DESCRIPTION
Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) care for the sick or injured in emergency medical settings. Key duties include: assessing injuries, administering emergency medical care, and transporting injured or sick persons to medical facilities. EMTs also typically respond to 911 calls for emergency medical assistance, assess a patient’s condition and determine a course of treatment, provide first-aid treatment or life support care to sick or injured patients, and report their observations and treatment to physicians, nurses, or other healthcare facility staff.

WHAT SKILLS & TRAINING ARE NEEDED?

SOFT SKILLS:
- EMTs must evaluate patients’ symptoms and administer appropriate treatments (Problem-solving).
- EMTs usually work on teams and must be able to coordinate their activities closely with others in stressful situations (Communication).

TECHNICAL AND ACADEMIC SKILLS:
- High school diploma or equivalent and post-secondary certification.
- Appropriate knowledge of human anatomy and physiology.
- Ability to perform CPR and other basic life support skills.

HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS IS A GOOD FIT FOR ME?
- You are a compassionate person and a good listener.
- You enjoy working with others.
- You remain calm in stressful situations.

WHERE CAN I FIND TRAINING?

DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NATIONAL EMS ACADEMY

HOW MUCH WILL I BE PAID PER HOUR?

$11.09 Entry Level
$19.50 Typical
$29.04 Experienced
Emergency Medical Technicians

**CAREER GROWTH**

**HEALTH SCIENCES**

- **Respiratory Therapists**
  - $20-26/hour
  - BS

- **Respiratory Therapy Technicians**
  - $16-30/hour
  - AAS Degree

- **EMR**
  - $9-10/hour
  - JumpStart-aligned credential: EMT

- **Emergency Medical Technician**
  - $12-16/hour
  - JumpStart-aligned credential: EMT

- **EMT Basic**
  - $17-22/hour
  - Associate’s Degree

- **JumpStart-aligned credential: EMT**

- **Paramedic**
  - $17-22/hour
  - Associate’s Degree

- **EMT Paramedic**
  - $17-22/hour
  - Associate’s Degree

- **Prior Knowledge**
  - 0-5 Years

- **Registered Nurse**
  - $27-38/hour
  - BS

- **Respiratory Therapy Technicians**
  - $16-30/hour
  - AAS Degree

- **Licensed Practical Nurse**
  - $15-34/hour
  - 1-year LPN Program

- **Physician Assistants**
  - $27-71/hour
  - Master’s Degree

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  - $27-71/hour
  - Master’s Degree

- **Path to Physician Assistants**
  - 4-year BS Degree in a Pre-Phys. Asst. related track: biology, chemistry

- **Detectives and Criminal Investigators**
  - $16-62/hour

- **Fire and Sheriff’s Patrol Officers**
  - $10-28/hour
  - 32-Week Fire Academy

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  - $10-28/hour
  - 32-Week Fire Academy

- **Police and Sheriff’s Patrol Officers**
  - $13-24/hour
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  - 4-year BS Degree in a Pre-Phys. Asst. related track: biology, chemistry

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  - $27-71/hour
  - Master’s Degree

Glossary of Terms:

- **AAS** – Associate of Applied Science, two-year college degree
- **AS** – Associate of Science, two-year college degree
- **BS** – Bachelor of Science, four-year college degree