

**SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**Paramedicine AAS Degree (PT13)**  
*Offered at Clarkesville and Blairsville Campuses*

Entrance Dates .....	Fall
Length of Program .....	5 Terms
Credit Hours Required for Graduation.....	70

**Purpose:** The Paramedicine Associate of Applied Science degree program prepares students to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the complex knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Paramedics function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Paramedics perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. The Paramedic is a link from the scene into the health care system. The program prepares students for employment in paramedic positions in today’s health services field. The program provides learning opportunities that introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. The program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills from the EMT, EMT I/85, EMT I/99, or AEMT levels to a paramedic level. Successful completion of the program allows the graduate to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) Paramedic certification examination and apply for Georgia licensure with the State Office of Emergency Medical Service and Trauma (SOEMST) as a paramedic.

**Admission Requirements:**

- Age 18 or older
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores
- Hold current certification and/or licensure as an EMT, EMT I/85, EMT I/99; or AEMT

**Program Requirements:**

- Must meet the technical competencies of the program (listed below)
- Must provide a physical examination and immunization record prior to participating in the clinical internship; failure to provide a physical exam or immunization record that meets the clinical requirement of the program may prevent a student from participating in the clinical internship
- Must carry professional liability insurance while enrolled in the program
- BLS certification required
- An acceptable (negative) criminal background check and drug test are required prior to enrolling in any of the EMSP courses; participation in this program is dependent upon the results of these requirements
- Must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better; a grade of “C” or better must be achieved in each course in order to progress to the next semester of the program
- No re-admission to the program after two withdrawals or two academic failures in any occupational course
- All learning support courses must be completed prior to enrollment in EMSP 2110
- Completion of all required Biology courses and labs, with a “C” or better, prior to enrolling in any of the EMSP Courses

**Program Courses**

<b><u>General Core Courses</u></b>	<b><u>Credits</u></b>
	<b>Total 15 credit hours</b>
Area I Language Arts/Communication	3
ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric (required)	
Area II Social/Behavioral Sciences	3

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Area III Natural Sciences/Mathematics 3

**(one of the following required)**

MATH 1101 Mathematical Modeling

MATH 1111 College Algebra

MATH 1127 Introduction to Statistics

Area IV Humanities/Fine Arts 3

General Education Elective from any area 3

Contact program advisor for program-specific courses and see General Education Requirements for Associate Degrees for course options.

**Occupational Courses****Total 55 credit hours**

BIOL	2113	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL	2113L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
BIOL	2114	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL	2114L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
COLL	1010	College and Career Success Skills	3
EMSP	2110	Foundations of Paramedicine	3
EMSP	2120	Applications of Pathophysiology for Paramedics	3
EMSP	2130	Advanced Resuscitative Skills for Paramedics	3
EMSP	2140	Advanced Cardiovascular Concepts	4
EMSP	2310	Therapeutic Modalities of Cardiovascular Care	3
EMSP	2320	Therapeutic Modalities of Medical Care	5
EMSP	2330	Therapeutic Modalities of Trauma Care	4
EMSP	2340	Therapeutic Modalities of Special Patient Populations	4
EMSP	2510	Clinical Applications for the Paramedic I	2
EMSP	2520	Clinical Applications for the Paramedic II	2
EMSP	2530	Clinical Applications for the Paramedic III	2
EMSP	2540	Clinical Applications for the Paramedic IV	1
EMSP	2550	Clinical Applications for the Paramedic V	1
EMSP	2560	Clinical Applications for the Paramedic VI	1
EMSP	2570	Clinical Applications for the Paramedic VII	1
EMSP	2710	Field Internship for the Paramedic	2
EMSP	2720	Practical Applications for Paramedic	3

Estimated cost of books and supplies for full program is approximately \$2,000. Price does not include the cost of required clinical shoes and uniforms which is approximately \$350-\$450. Other costs include: certification exam - \$250-\$300, drug test - \$35, criminal background check - \$50, lab fee - \$25, physical exam - \$100-\$150, Georgia licensing fees - \$150-\$300, EMS Testing - \$85, and malpractice insurance - \$46.50 per calendar year.

**Technical Competencies:**

Working Environment – Emergency medicine contains many potential risks. They may include cuts or infections from sharp instruments, contaminated equipment, or personnel; possible exposure to communicable diseases; and possible strains due to handling heavy equipment and patients.

OSHA Risk Factor – Category I – A chance of exposure to blood and other body fluids is high and is an integral component of the clinical experience. The student may be exposed to latex; noxious smells,

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either toxic or non-toxic; and toxic gases or liquids, any of which could possibly cause general or localized disabling conditions as a result of inhalation, ingestion, or action on the skin. HBV vaccination is recommended prior to clinical rotation.

Physical Demands – This position involves primarily medium work that requires frequent lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling of objects or equipment. Individuals enrolled in the program will need the physical ability to assist in lifting and carrying objects, such as patients or laboratory equipment, regardless of the weight of the patient or equipment. The ability to stoop, kneel, and reach; and exhibit general manual dexterity is required. The ability to express and exchange ideas by spoken word is required. The ability to see and obtain impressions through the eyes of shape, size, distance, color, motions, or other characteristics of objects is required. This requires a visual acuity of 20/20 vision, with clarity of vision of 20 inches or less, depth perception, four-way field vision, sharp eye focus, and ability to identify and distinguish color. The abilities to hear and smell are essential. This position requires frequent sitting, standing, and/or walking. The ability to work under frequent mental and physical stress is required. The ability to think critically is essential. Reliable transportation to the clinical site is essential.

*The North Georgia Technical College Paramedic program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs ([www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org)) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). (To Contact CAAHEP Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158, Clearwater, FL 33763 - [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org) -- To Contact CoAEMSP 8301 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 111-312, Rowlett TX 75088, (214) 703-8445, FAX (214) 703-8992 - [www.coaemsp.org](http://www.coaemsp.org)).*

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**Paramedicine Diploma (PT12)**

*Offered at Clarkesville and Blairsville Campuses*

Entrance Dates .....	Fall
Length of Program .....	4 Terms
Credit Hours Required for Graduation.....	63

**Purpose:** The Paramedicine diploma program prepares students to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the complex knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Paramedics function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Paramedics perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. The Paramedic is a link from the scene into the health care system. The program prepares students for employment in paramedic positions in today’s health services field. The program provides learning opportunities that introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. The program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills from the EMT, EMT I/85, EMT I/99, or AEMT levels to a paramedic level. Successful completion of the program allows the graduate to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) Paramedic certification examination and apply for Georgia licensure with the State Office of Emergency Medical Service and Trauma (SOEMST) as a paramedic.

**Admission Requirements:**

- Age 18 or older
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores
- Hold current certification and/or licensure as an: EMT, EMT I/85, EMT I/99; or AEMT

**Program Requirements:**

- Must meet the technical competencies (listed below) of the program
- Must provide a physical examination and immunization record prior to participating in the clinical internship; failure to provide a physical exam or immunization record that meets the clinical requirement of the program may prevent a student from participating in the clinical internship
- Must carry professional liability insurance while enrolled in the program
- BLS certification required
- An acceptable (negative) criminal background check and drug test are required prior to enrolling in any of the EMSP courses; participation in this program is dependent upon the results of these requirements
- Must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better; a grade of “C” or better must be achieved in each course in order to progress to the next semester of the program
- No re-admission to the program after two withdrawals or two academic failures in any occupational course
- Completion of ALHS 1011 and ALHS 1090, with a “C” or better, prior to enrolling in any of the EMSP courses

**Program Courses**

**Credits**

**Basic Skills Courses**

**Total 12 credit hours**

COLL	1010	College and Career Success Skills	3
ENGL	1010	Fundamentals of English I	3
MATH	1012	Foundations of Mathematics	3
PSYC	1010	Basic Psychology	3

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## Occupational Courses

Total 51 credit hours

ALHS	1011	Structure and Function of the Human Body	5
ALHS	1090	Medical Terminology/Allied Health Sciences	2
EMSP	2110	Foundations of Paramedicine	3
EMSP	2120	Applications of Pathophysiology for Paramedics	3
EMSP	2130	Advanced Resuscitative Skills for Paramedics	3
EMSP	2140	Advanced Cardiovascular Concepts	4
EMSP	2310	Therapeutic Modalities of Cardiovascular Care	3
EMSP	2320	Therapeutic Modalities of Medical Care	5
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EMSP	2530	Clinical Applications for the Paramedic III	2
EMSP	2540	Clinical Applications for the Paramedic IV	1
EMSP	2550	Clinical Applications for the Paramedic V	1
EMSP	2560	Clinical Applications for the Paramedic VI	1
EMSP	2570	Clinical Applications for the Paramedic VII	1
EMSP	2710	Field Internship for the Paramedic	2
EMSP	2720	Practical Applications for Paramedic	3

Estimated cost of books and supplies for full program is approximately \$1500. Price does not include the cost of required clinical shoes and uniforms which is approximately \$350-\$450. Other costs include: certification exam - \$250-\$300, drug test - \$35, criminal background check - \$50, physical exam - \$100-\$150, Georgia licensing fees - \$150-\$300, EMS Testing - \$85, and malpractice insurance - \$46.50 per calendar year.

**Technical Competencies:**

Working Environment – Emergency medicine contains many potential risks. They may include cuts or infections from sharp instruments, contaminated equipment, or personnel; possible exposure to communicable diseases; and possible strains due to handling heavy equipment and patients.

OSHA Risk Factor – Category I – A chance of exposure to blood and other body fluids is high and is an integral component of the clinical experience. The student may be exposed to latex; noxious smells, either toxic or non-toxic; and toxic gases or liquids, any of which could possibly cause general or localized disabling conditions as a result of inhalation, ingestion, or action on the skin. HBV vaccination is recommended prior to clinical rotation.

Physical Demands – This position involves primarily medium work that requires frequent lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling of objects or equipment. Individuals enrolled in the program will need the physical ability to assist in lifting and carrying objects, such as patients or laboratory equipment, regardless of the weight of the patient or equipment. The ability to stoop, kneel, and reach; and exhibit general manual dexterity is required. The ability to express and exchange ideas by spoken word is required. The ability to see and obtain impressions through the eyes of shape, size, distance, color, motions, or other characteristics of objects is required. This requires a visual acuity of 20/20 vision, with clarity of vision of 20 inches or less, depth perception, four-way field vision, sharp eye focus, and ability to identify and distinguish color. The abilities to hear and smell are essential. This position requires frequent sitting, standing, and/or walking. The ability to work under frequent mental and physical stress is required. The ability to think critically is essential. Reliable transportation to the clinical site is essential.

**SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES  
EMS Professions Diploma (EP12)**

*Offered at Clarkesville and Blairsville Campuses*

Entrance Dates ..... Vary According to Campus  
 Length of Program ..... 4 Terms  
 Credit Hours Required for Graduation..... 45

**Purpose:** The EMS Professions diploma prepares students to move into the Paramedicine program at the diploma level. Successful completion of the program allows the graduate to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians AEMT certification examination and to apply for Georgia licensure as an AEMT. The primary focus of the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician is to provide basic and limited advanced emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance.

**Admission Requirements:**

- Age 18 or older
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores

**Program Requirements:**

- All learning support courses must be completed prior to enrolling in EMSP 1110
- Must meet the technical competencies of the program (listed below)
- Must carry professional liability insurance while enrolled in the program
- BLS certification required
- An acceptable (negative) criminal background check and drug test are required prior to enrolling in any of the EMSP courses; participation in this program is dependent upon the results of these requirements
- Required to complete a dental and physical examination and document up-to-date immunizations before placement in a clinical training site
- Must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better; a grade of “C” or better must be achieved in each course in order to progress to the next semester of the program, including clinical internship
- No re-admission to the program after two withdrawals or two academic failures in any occupational course
- Completion of ALHS 1011 and ALHS 1090, with a “C” or better, prior to enrolling in any of the EMSP courses

**Additional Information:**

- Students will be required to demonstrate competency during program exit testing. Students failing to meet established standards will not be able to graduate or take licensure exams. An established performance and remediation policy will be distributed during the final EMSP course
- An individual applying to a certifying agency that has a misdemeanor or felony must explain and document each occurrence at the time of application. State agencies regulate licensure, which can be denied

**Program Courses**

<b>Basic Skills Courses</b>			<b><u>Credits</u></b>
			<b>Total 12 credit hours</b>
COLL	1010	College and Career Success Skills	3
ENGL	1010	Fundamentals of English I	3
MATH	1012	Foundations of Mathematics	3
PSYC	1010	Basic Psychology	3

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## Occupational Courses

Total 33 credit hours

ALHS	1011	Structure and Function of the Human Body	5
ALHS	1090	Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences	2
EMSP	1110	Introduction to the EMT Profession	3
EMSP	1120	EMT Assessment/Airway Management and Pharmacology	3
EMSP	1130	Medical Emergencies for the EMT	3
EMSP	1140	Special Patient Populations	3
EMSP	1150	Shock and Trauma for the EMT	3
EMSP	1160	Clinical and Practical Applications for the EMT	1
EMSP	1510	Advanced Concepts for the AEMT	3
EMSP	1520	Advanced Patient Care for the AEMT	3
EMSP	1530	Clinical Applications for the AEMT	1
EMSP	1540	Clinical and Practical Applications for the AEMT	3

Estimated cost of books and supplies for full program is approximately \$1500. Price does not include the cost of required clinical shoes and uniforms which is approximately \$150. Other costs include: certification exam - \$250-\$300, drug test - \$35, criminal background check - \$50, Georgia licensing fees - \$100, EMS Testing - \$56.50, and malpractice insurance - \$46.50. These are approximate costs and subject to change.

**Technical Competencies:**

Working Environment – Emergency medicine contains many potential risks. They may include cuts or infections from sharp instruments, contaminated equipment, or personnel; possible exposure to communicable diseases; and possible strains due to handling heavy equipment and patients.

OSHA Risk Factor – Category I – A chance of exposure to blood and other body fluids is high and is an integral component of the clinical experience. The student may be exposed to latex; noxious smells, either toxic or non-toxic; and toxic gases or liquids, any of which could possibly cause general or localized disabling conditions as a result of inhalation, ingestion, or action on the skin. HBV vaccination is recommended prior to clinical rotation.

Physical Demands – This position involves primarily medium work that requires frequent lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling of objects or equipment. Individuals enrolled in the program will need the physical ability to assist in lifting and carrying objects, such as patients or laboratory equipment, regardless of the weight of the patient or equipment. The ability to stoop, kneel, and reach; and exhibit general manual dexterity is required. The ability to express and exchange ideas by spoken word is required. The ability to see and obtain impressions through the eyes of shape, size, distance, color, motions, or other characteristics of objects is required. This requires a visual acuity of 20/20 vision, with clarity of vision of 20 inches or less, depth perception, four-way field vision, sharp eye focus, and ability to identify and distinguish color. The abilities to hear and smell are essential. This position requires frequent sitting, standing, and/or walking. The ability to work under frequent mental and physical stress is required. The ability to think critically is essential. Reliable transportation to the clinical site is essential.

**SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Certificate (EMH1)**

*Offered at Clarkesville and Blairsville Campuses*

Entrance Dates ..... Vary According to Campus  
 Length of Program ..... 1 Term  
 Credit Hours Required for Graduation..... 10

**Purpose:** The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician certificate program prepares students to provide basic and limited advanced emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician is a link from the scene to the emergency health care system. Successful completion of the program allows the graduate to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians AEMT certification examination and apply for Georgia licensure as an AEMT.

**Admission Requirements:**

- Age 18 or older
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores
- Current certification and/or license as an EMT or EMT-Basic (with successful completion of Georgia State Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma EMT-B to EMT update course) or successful completion of the Emergency Medical Technician technical certificate of credit

**Program Requirements:**

- All learning support courses must be completed prior to enrolling in EMSP 1510
- Must meet the technical competencies of the program (listed below)
- Must carry professional liability insurance while enrolled in the program
- BLS certification required
- An acceptable (negative) criminal background check and drug test are required prior to enrolling in any of the EMSP courses; participation in this program is dependent upon the results of these requirements
- Required to complete a dental and physical examination and document up-to-date immunizations before placement in a clinical training site
- A grade of “C” or better must be achieved in each course for graduation
- No re-admission to the program after two withdrawals or two academic failures in any occupational course

**Additional Information:**

- Students will be required to demonstrate competency during program exit testing. Students failing to meet established standards will not be able to graduate or take licensure exams. An established performance and remediation policy will be distributed during the final EMSP course
- An individual applying to a certifying agency that has a misdemeanor or felony must explain and document each occurrence at the time of application. State agencies regulate licensure, which can be denied

<u>Program Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
EMSP 1510 Advanced Concepts for the AEMT	3
EMSP 1520 Advanced Patient Care for the AEMT	3
EMSP 1530 Clinical Applications for the AEMT	1
EMSP 1540 Clinical and Practical Applications for the AEMT	3



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Estimated cost of books and supplies for full program is approximately \$400. Price does not include the cost of required clinical shoes and uniforms which is approximately \$150. Other costs include certification exam - \$250-\$300, drug test - \$35, criminal background check - \$50, Georgia licensing fees - \$100, EMS Testing - \$56.50, and malpractice insurance - \$46.50. These are approximate costs and subject to change.

**Technical Competencies:**

Working Environment – Emergency medicine contains many potential risks. They may include cuts or infections from sharp instruments, contaminated equipment, or personnel; possible exposure to communicable diseases; and possible strains due to handling heavy equipment and patients.

OSHA Risk Factor – Category I – A chance of exposure to blood and other body fluids is high and is an integral component of the clinical experience. The student may be exposed to latex; noxious smells, either toxic or non-toxic; and toxic gases or liquids, any of which could possibly cause general or localized disabling conditions as a result of inhalation, ingestion, or action on the skin. HBV vaccination is recommended prior to clinical rotation.

Physical Demands – This position involves primarily medium work that requires frequent lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling of objects or equipment. Individuals enrolled in the program will need the physical ability to assist in lifting and carrying objects, such as patients or laboratory equipment, regardless of the weight of the patient or equipment. The ability to stoop, kneel, and reach; and exhibit general manual dexterity is required. The ability to express and exchange ideas by spoken word is required. The ability to see and obtain impressions through the eyes of shape, size, distance, color, motions, or other characteristics of objects is required. This requires a visual acuity of 20/20 vision, with clarity of vision of 20 inches or less, depth perception, four-way field vision, sharp eye focus, and ability to identify and distinguish color. The abilities to hear and smell are essential. This position requires frequent sitting, standing, and/or walking. The ability to work under frequent mental and physical stress is required. The ability to think critically is essential. Reliable transportation to the clinical site is essential.

**SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**Emergency Medical Technician Certificate (EMJ1)**

*Offered at Clarkesville and Blairsville Campuses*

Entrance Dates ..... Vary According to Campus  
 Length of Program ..... 2 Terms  
 Credit Hours Required for Graduation..... 16

**Purpose:** The Emergency Medical Technician certificate program prepares students to provide basic emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Emergency Medical Technicians function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Emergency Medical Technicians perform interventions with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance. The Emergency Medical Technician is a link from the scene to the emergency health care system. Successful completion of the program allows the graduate to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians EMT certification examination and apply for Georgia licensure as an EMT.

**Admission Requirements:**

- Age 18 or older
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores

**Program Requirements:**

- All learning support courses must be completed prior to enrolling in EMSP 1110
- Must meet the technical competencies of the program (listed below)
- Must carry professional liability insurance while enrolled in the program
- BLS certification required.
- An acceptable (negative) criminal background check and drug test are required prior to enrolling in any of the EMSP courses. Participation in this program is dependent upon the results of these requirements
- Required to complete a dental and physical examination and document up-to-date immunizations before placement in a clinical training site
- Must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better; a grade of “C” or better must be achieved in each course in order to progress to the next semester of the program, including clinical
- No re-admission to the program after two withdrawals or two academic failures in any occupational course

**Additional Information:**

- Students will be required to demonstrate competency during program exit testing. Students failing to meet established standards will not be able to graduate or take licensure exams. An established performance and remediation policy will be distributed during the final EMSP course
- An individual applying to a certifying agency that has a misdemeanor or felony must explain and document each occurrence at the time of application. State agencies regulate licensure, which can be denied

<u>Program Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
EMSP 1110 Introduction to the EMT Profession	3
EMSP 1120 EMT Assessment/Airway Management and Pharmacology	3
EMSP 1130 Medical Emergencies for the EMT	3
EMSP 1140 Special Patient Populations	3
EMSP 1150 Shock and Trauma for the EMT	3
EMSP 1160 Clinical and Practical Applications for the EMT	1

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**Technical Competencies:**

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**Pre-Hospital EMS Operations (PEO1)**

*Offered at Clarkesville and Blairsville Campuses*

Entrance Dates .....	Vary According to Campus
Length of Program.....	3 Terms
Credit Hours Required for Graduation.....	26

**Purpose:** The Pre-Hospital EMS Operations certificate program combines Emergency Medical Technician and Advance Emergency Medical Technician. This certificate prepares students to provide basic and limited advanced emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual will possess the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. This certificate allows the graduate to function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. The Advanced Emergency Medical Technician is a link from the scene to the emergency health care system. Successful completion of the program allows the graduate to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians AEMT certification examination and apply for Georgia licensure as an AEMT.

**Admission Requirements:**

- Age 18 or older
- High school diploma or GED®
- Completion of application process including placement test; or provide SAT or ACT scores

**Program Requirements:**

- All learning support courses must be completed prior to enrolling in EMSP 1110
- Must meet the technical competencies of the program (listed below)
- Must carry professional liability insurance while enrolled in the program
- BLS certification required
- An acceptable (negative) criminal background check and drug test are required prior to enrolling in any of the EMSP courses. Participation in this program is dependent upon the results of these requirements
- Required to complete a dental and physical examination and document up-to-date immunizations before placement in a clinical training site
- Must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or better; a grade of “C” or better must be achieved in each course in order to progress to the next semester of the program, including clinical
- No re-admission to the program after two withdrawals or two academic failures in any occupational course

**Additional Information:**

- Students will be required to demonstrate competency during program exit testing. Students failing to meet established standards will not be able to graduate or take licensure exams. An established performance and remediation policy will be distributed during the final EMSP course
- An individual applying to a certifying agency that has a misdemeanor or felony must explain and document each occurrence at the time of application. State agencies regulate licensure, which can be denied

**Program Courses**

	<b><u>Credits</u></b>
EMSP 1110 Introduction to the EMT Profession	3
EMSP 1120 EMT Assessment/Airway Management and Pharmacology	3
EMSP 1130 Medical Emergencies for the EMT	3
EMSP 1140 Special Patient Populations	3
EMSP 1150 Shock and Trauma for the EMT	3

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EMSP	1160	Clinical and Practical Applications for the EMT	1
EMSP	1510	Advanced Concepts for the AEMT	3
EMSP	1520	Advanced Patient Care for the AEMT	3
EMSP	1530	Clinical Applications for AEMT	1
EMSP	1540	Clinical and Practical Applications for the AEMT	3

Estimated cost of books and supplies for full program is approximately \$400. Price does not include the cost of required clinical shoes and uniforms which is approximately \$150. Other costs include: certification exam - \$250-\$300, drug test - \$35, criminal background check - \$50, Georgia licensing fees - \$100, EMS Testing - \$56.50, and malpractice insurance - \$46.50, lab fee-\$25. These are approximate costs and subject to change.

**Technical Competencies:**

Working Environment – Emergency medicine contains many potential risks. They may include cuts or infections from sharp instruments, contaminated equipment, or personnel; possible exposure to communicable diseases; and possible strains due to handling heavy equipment and patients.

OSHA Risk Factor – Category I – A chance of exposure to blood and other body fluids is high and is an integral component of the clinical experience. The student may be exposed to latex; noxious smells, either toxic or non-toxic; and toxic gases or liquids, any of which could possibly cause general or localized disabling conditions as a result of inhalation, ingestion, or action on the skin. HBV vaccination is recommended prior to clinical rotation.

Physical Demands – This position involves primarily medium work that requires frequent lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling of objects or equipment. Individuals enrolled in the program will need the physical ability to assist in lifting and carrying objects, such as patients or laboratory equipment, regardless of the weight of the patient or equipment. The ability to stoop, kneel, reach, and exhibit general manual dexterity is required. The ability to express and exchange ideas by spoken word is required. The ability to see and obtain impressions through the eyes of shape, size, distance, color, motions, or other characteristics of objects is required. This requires a visual acuity of 20/20 vision, with clarity of vision of 20 inches or less, depth perception, four-way field vision, sharp eye focus, and ability to identify and distinguish color. The abilities to hear and smell are essential. This position requires frequent sitting, standing, and/or walking. The ability to work under frequent mental and physical stress is required. The ability to think critically is essential. Reliable transportation to the clinical site is essential.