

Our EMT program offers 196 hours of training in emergency medicine. Students are provided with skills needed to enter the field of emergency medicine as an Emergency Medical Technician. Competence as a pre-hospital healthcare provider is assessed regularly by course examinations and performance-based skills exams. Emphasis is placed on the use of critical thinking and creative problem-solving within the program. The Compton College EMT program consist of meeting twice a week, for 16 weeks. Successful completion of the program (*letter grade of B or higher*) allows the graduate to sit for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) examination.

The Compton College EMT program requires students to complete twenty-four (24) hours of field training. Students will have to complete a DOJ/FBI "Background Check" and submit proof of immunizations before entering the field. The background check and immunization are not a requirement for admission to the EMT program; however, it must be completed upon admission into the program. All information obtained from the background check and immunizations will be secured in an online document manager, no information will be shared.

The Compton College EMT program requires students to have a "BLS Provider" certificate prior to enrolling. Students can find a local training center on the American Heart Association or American Red Cross website. Students should clarify before signing up the class is for healthcare professionals. **Students should be careful to not obtain a CPR/AED and First Aid card. Ask for a BLS Provider card.**

Students will be required to adhere to a dress code for all class sessions, testing, and field training. The uniform includes a customized burgundy embroidered EMT dry-fit polo shirt, black work pants, black work boots, a black belt, a wristwatch that displays second, and proper hygiene.

Students will be required to purchase the following:

1. 12th edition of Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured
2. Compton College EMT Workbook found in the Compton College Bookstore
3. Stethoscope and Blood Pressure Cuff
4. Uniform as stated above – at minimum the shirt is the mandatory to purchase from the uniform store if a student already owns pants, belt, boots, etc.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to enroll?

First, make sure to enroll as a student at Compton College. Search for the next available section and register in FTEC 144. The only pre-requisite is to have a **BLS Provider** certificate from either American Heart Association or American Red Cross. (Not the standard CPR/AED & First Aid card)

How much does the course cost?

| Textbooks | | |
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| Emergency Care 12 th Edition | Sold online (2-3 weeks to deliver with the free shipping) or bookstore on campus | \$255 |
| Skills Workbook | Sold in bookstore on campus | \$52 |
| Castle Branch | Sold online | \$66 |
| Uniform | | |
| Embroidered Polo | Sold at uniform store | \$26 + tax |
| Black Work Pants | Sold at uniform store/online | \$25-30 |
| Black Work Boots (above the ankle) | Sold at a store/online | \$50 - \$150 |
| Black Belt (at least 1 inch thick) | Sold at a store/online | \$15 - \$40 |
| Equipment | | |
| Wristwatch (must display seconds) | Sold at store/online | \$10 - \$75 |
| Blood Pressure Cuff (adult size) | Sold at store/online | \$15 - \$30 |
| Stethoscope | Sold at store/online | \$15 - \$130 |
| Nitrile Gloves | Sold at store/online | \$10 - \$20 |
| Tuition | | |
| FTEC 144 - 6.5 units | \$46/unit | \$299 |
| Health Fee | College fee per semester | \$19 |

Do I have to buy the textbooks?

Yes. Students may buy, rent, or borrow the book as well.

Will my background check disqualify me from the EMT program?

Students should refer to the [Los Angeles County EMS Agency Background Disqualifications List](#) to see which criminal offenses may disqualify them when applying for an EMT license.

Compton College EMT Program will not disqualify students from enrolling in the course. However, if students are not cleared to do field training because of their background, they will not be able to successfully complete the EMT program.

What immunizations do I need?

- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Tetanus (TDAP)
- Tuberculosis (TB test within past 12 months)
- Varicella

What can I do to prepare for the EMT program before the first day of class?

Students can complete these two (2) FREE online courses.

[FEMA Course – ICS 100](#)

[FEMA Course – NIMS 700](#)

Also, students can start collecting their immunization records make sure they have a BLS Provider certificate.

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