

Compton College Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program

Our Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program offers 196 hours of training in emergency medicine. Students are provided with the 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 consists 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, they 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 Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider certification 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 that the class is for healthcare professionals.*

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 seconds, 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 mandatory to purchase from the uniform store if a student already owns pants, belt, boots, etc.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I enroll in the EMT Program?

To enroll in the EMT Program, students need to:

1. Apply to Compton College - www.compton.edu/apply
2. Register for FTEC 144
3. Obtain valid Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider certification from either the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.*

***Important:** Standard CPR/AED and First Aid cards do not meet this requirement. A BLS Provider card is required.

How much does the course cost?

Estimated total program costs range from approximately \$850-\$1,360, depending on equipment and textbook choices.

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

Do I have to buy textbooks?

Yes. Students are required to have access to the required textbook and workbook. Books may be purchased, rented, or borrowed if they are the correct edition.

How long does the EMT program take to complete?

The Compton College Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program is a short-term certificate program that can typically be completed in one semester, approximately 16 weeks (fall and spring semesters), depending on the course schedule and clinical requirements.

Will my background check disqualify me from the EMT program?

Students should refer to the Los Angeles County EMS Agency Background/Criminal History FAQs (https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/dhs/206660_CACBQ.pdf) 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 complete the EMT program.

What immunizations do I need?

- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Tetanus (TDAP)
- Tuberculosis (TB test within the 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:

1. [FEMA Course – ICS 100](#)
2. [FEMA Course – NIMS 700](#)

Also, students can start collecting their immunization records and make sure they have Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider certification.

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