

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

THE PROGRAM

Emergency Medical Service program is designed to prepare students for a career in emergency medical services. The multiple-entry/multiple-exit program prepares students for all levels of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification. Additionally, this program can assist students in preparation for an allied health baccalaureate degree or for career advancement and mobility in related health care occupation.

All courses are approved by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Course work leading to eligibility for EMT-Paramedic certification is accredited by the Commissions on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

THE PROFESSION

People's lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics. Incidents as varied as automobile accidents, heart attacks, slips and falls, childbirth and gunshot wounds all require immediate medical attention. EMTs and paramedics provide this vital service as they care for and transport the sick or injured to medical facility.

EMTs and paramedics operate special equipment and generally work in teams, on ambulance or helicopters and are responsible for keeping clean, sterile and full of supplies. The specific responsibilities of EMTs and paramedics depend on their level of qualification and training. The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certifies emergency medical service providers at: EMT-Basic; Advanced EMT and Paramedic.

EMTs work both indoors and outdoors, in all types of weather and are required to do a considerable amount of kneeling, bending and heavy lifting. The work is not only physically strenuous but can be stressful, sometimes involving life-or-death situations. EMTs generally work 45 to 60 hours a week and are on call for extended hours because emergency services function 24/7.

Employment for EMTs and paramedics is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2025. Job prospects should be good, particularly in cities and private ambulance services. Many job openings will arise from growth and from the need to replace workers who leave the occupation. Job opportunities should be best in private ambulance services. Competition will be greater for jobs in local government, including fire, police and independent third-service rescue departments which tend to have better salaries and benefits. EMT and paramedics who have advanced education and certifications should enjoy the most favorable job prospects as clients and patients demand higher levels of care before arriving at the hospital. Earnings of EMTs and paramedics depend on the employment a setting and geographic location of their job, as well as their training and experience.



NATIONAL REGISTRY WRITTEN EXAM RESULTS

Graduation Year	2018	2017	2016
# of Graduates	12	15	17
# of Grads attempting	12	15	17
# Passing 1 st attempt	10	8	8
# Passing Subsequent attempts	2	4	1
Total Passing to Date	12	12	9
% of Grads Passing Average 2014-2016	79.0%		

RETENTION

On-Time Graduation Year	2018	2017	2016
Total Students in Class	12	16	18
# of students dropped out	0	1	1
% attrition	0.00%	6.25%	5.56%
% retention	100%	93.75%	94.44%
Percent Attrition (Average 2012-2014)	3.94%		
Percent Retention (Average 2012-2014)	96.06%		

NATIONAL REGISTRY PRACTICAL EXAM RESULTS

Graduation Year	2018	2017	2016
# of Graduates	12	15	17
# of Grads attempting	12	15	16
# Passing 1 st attempt	11	15	16
# Passing Subsequent attempts	1	0	0
Total Passing to Date	12	15	16
% of Grads Passing Average 2014-2016	100.00%		

POSITIVE PLACEMENT

Graduation Year	2018	2017	2016
# of Graduates	12	15	17
# of Grads Employed	12	15	15
# of Grads continuing Education or military service	0	0	1
Total Positive Placement to Date	12	15	16
Percent of Grads Positive Placement (Average 2016-2018)	98.03%		

* "For students in this course who may have a criminal background, please be advised that the background could keep you from being licensed by the State of Texas. If you have a question about your background and licensure, please speak with your faculty member or the department chair. You also have the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from the applicable licensing agency."

The South Plains College EMS Program follows the guidelines established by the Texas Department of State Health Services EMS Division and the Paramedic Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, CAAHEP (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions, CoAEMSP (www.coaemsp.org).

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