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OVERVIEW

The Occupations

- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)-Basic
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)-Paramedic

About The Occupations

EMT-Basic and EMT-Paramedics are highly trained and skilled medical professionals who are educated to carry out some of the duties of a physician. EMT-Basics and EMT-Paramedics can examine, evaluate, and treat patients with equipment and medications usually only found in the emergency department of a hospital. EMT-Basic/EMS-Paramedics are typically utilized as emergency care practitioners on ambulances or on first-response emergency vehicles but their scope is rapidly expanding to many other areas. Some of these include industry, elementary and high schools, colleges, hospitals, and doctor's offices. More challenging and higher paid positions include working in specialty areas such as a cruise ship medical department, off-shore oil drilling platforms, helicopter or fixed wing medical transport and hyperbaric oxygen chambers. Often the EMT-Basic or EMT-Paramedic is the sole or highest trained medical provider in these areas.

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CAREER OUTLOOK

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Work Environment Characteristics for Emergency Medical Services-Related Positions.

| CATEGORY | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------------|---|
| Employers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS providers • Fire Departments • Industrial manufacturing plants • Hospital Clinics • Offshore oil drilling platforms • Air Medical/Helicopter |
| Typical Schedule | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40-48 hour workweek normal • Shift work normal • Overtime normal |
| Tools and Equipment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulance • EKG monitor, Pulse ox monitor, Stretcher |

WORKER PORTRAIT

Skills, Aptitudes, and Interests for Emergency Medical Services Positions

| CATEGORY | DESCRIPTION |
|----------------------|--|
| Skills and Aptitudes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications • Critical Thinking • Team player • Ability to remain calm in emergency situations • Ability to make quick decisions • Physically fit • Good mechanical aptitude • Ability to administer emergency medical procedures • Good judgment • Ability to take the initiative • Leadership |
| Interests | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not adverse to risk-taking • Motivated to take responsibility |

| CATEGORY | DESCRIPTION |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desire to serve the general public |

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Employment Outlook for Emergency Medical Services Occupations.

| OUTLOOK RATING | OCCUPATIONS |
|----------------|---------------|
| Stable | EMT-Basic |
| Favorable | EMS Paramedic |

SALARY INFORMATION

Annual Salary Ranges for Selected Emergency Medical Services Positions.

| POSITION | SALARY RANGE (PER YEAR) |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| EMT-Basic | Varies |
| EMS Paramedic | \$19,000 - \$48,000 |

(Note: Individual earnings may vary based upon the job setting and position. These are ranges, not guarantees of earnings.) Sources of occupational information include the Bureau of Labor Elementary Statistical Methods, Occupational Outlook Handbook, and Americas Career Information Net.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) curriculum includes a combination of class lectures, skills, and clinical hours in the hospital and the ambulance. Navarro College's EMS programs meet Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) and The National Registry of EMT requires for certification eligibility. Upon successful completion of the emergency medical technology services programs (EMT and Paramedic certificates and Paramedic AAS degree) students must be eligible to challenge TDSHS required national Register of EMT certification examination. A criminal background check and a drug screening is required of all Protective Services students enrolling in programs. An applicant convicted of a felony and/or misdemeanor offense may or may not be eligible for participation and/or state certification. Any applicant who has drug screening returned as questionable or positive, must follow the program's policies of speaking with a Medical Review Officer and may or may not be dismissed from the program.

The Navarro College EMS program is accredited by:

Texas Department of State Health Services EMS and Trauma Systems
 1100 West 49th Street
 Austin, TX 78765-3199
 Office Telephone: (512) 458-7111

The Navarro College Paramedic program is accredited by TDSHS and by:

Committee on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), through the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP).
 8301 Lakeview Parkway, Suite 111-312
 Rowlett, Texas 75088
 Office Telephone: (214) 703-8445
 Fax: (214) 4703-8992

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DEGREE/CERTIFICATE

| CONCENTRATION OPTIONS | DEGREE / CERTIFICATE TYPE | DEGREE PLANS |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Advanced Paramedic | Associate in Applied Science | View Degree Plan |

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|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| EMT Basic (Institution) | Certificate | View Degree Plan |
| Paramedic | Certificate | View Degree Plan |

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