



Sample Schedule to EMT

This pathway meets EMT certification requirements. Students can choose to take this one quarter program in any quarter (fall, winter, spring, or summer).

Getting Accepted in the Program

- Information Session
- Entrance Exam: Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)
Curriculum- Advanced First Aid

After Acceptance in the Program

To Do

- Fill out application to North Seattle College.
- Fill out [EMT application](#) and pay \$35 application fee to cashier's office
- Bring application form and [test proctor fee form](#) to the Entrance Exam
- Look for a welcome email with next steps including:
 - Complete your state patrol background check.
 - Send proof of GED or High School Completion Equivalent (or above such as a college degree)
 - Order supplies or a kit as needed.
- Visit startnextquarter.org to find out if Workforce Education funding is available for you.
- Check out additional requirements to work in the **EMT Job Requirements section**.
- Find and prepare your immunizations document: Hepatitis B and Tuberculosis Test (taken in the last 6 months)

Year One

Credits

Quarter 1

- AHE 190 Emergency Medical Technician 12
- AHE 192 Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers 1

Quarter 1

- Complete your 10 hour clinical shift (assigned by program coordinator).
- Meet with your Health and Medical area of study advisor to discuss your goals after the EMT program.

After Finishing the EMT Program

- If interested in pursuing more education, see your advisor about the AAS-T in Allied Health or other degrees.
- Take the NREMT exam.
- Candidates must be employed, or volunteer for a qualified pre-hospital care agency, before the Department of Health will issue the Emergency Medical Technician certificate. Candidates who do not qualify for the EMT certificate must retake the NREMT within 1 year and take an EMT refresher course. Failure to qualify by the end of 2 years will require retaking the EMT course.



About the EMT Map

This pathway meets EMT certification requirements. Completion of this certification opens doors to a variety of careers in various healthcare or public safety settings including ambulance companies, fire departments, ski patrol, search and rescue, some police departments, emergency departments, and hospitals.

Students in this pathway develop skills in patient assessment and management, splinting injuries, bleeding control spinal immobilization, patient extrication, and administration of emergency medications.

EMT Job Requirements

- **Compassion.** EMTs and paramedics must be able to provide emotional support to patients in an emergency, especially patients who are in life-threatening situations or extreme mental distress.
- **Interpersonal skills.** EMTs and paramedics usually work on teams and must be able to coordinate their activities closely with others in stressful situations.
- **Listening skills.** EMTs and paramedics need to listen to patients to determine the extent of their injuries or illnesses.
- **Physical strength.** EMTs and paramedics need to be physically fit. Their job requires a lot of bending, lifting, and kneeling.
- **Problem-solving skills.** EMTs and paramedics must evaluate patients' symptoms and administer appropriate treatments.
- **Speaking skills.** EMTs and paramedics need to clearly explain procedures to patients, give orders, and relay information to others.

State requirement for certification include:

- must be 18 years of age or older to be certified per WAC 246-976-141
- copy of current EMT course completion certificate
- proof of successful completion of the NREMT exam
- high school diploma or GED

Source: www.bls.gov/ooh

Career and Income Opportunities

- EMT
- Emergency Department Technician
- Firefighter*
- Paramedic*
- Dispatcher*

*Additional training or education is required for some careers listed above.

For current employment and wage estimates, please visit and search at www.bls.gov/oes.

Median Hourly Earnings/Projected Job Growth between 2018-2028*

Annual income for an EMT ranges from \$25,417 to \$32,834 (\$34,874 in the Seattle area). Wages are lower at general medical and surgical hospitals (\$23,250) and on ambulance crews (\$20,350), and highest with fire departments. Hourly wages range from \$11.28 to \$24.00/hour (entry-level to 20 years experience).

Considerations:

EMT is an entry level job but the growth potential is large. After EMT students move on to Public Safety (Fire Fighter or Police jobs) or Paramedic. Many students also use their entry level EMT experience as pre-requisites to apply to Medical or Physician Assistant school.

Which quarter can I begin?

Any.

Tuition and Fees for EMT Course

- \$1,313.81 (includes \$193.56 state tuition, \$1,100.00 college self-support lab fee, \$5.25 UC fee, and \$15.00 Medical Malpractice Insurance fee)
- Textbooks cost will vary based on rental or purchase fee*
- Student kit- \$80-\$100
- Uniform shirt and name tag- \$40

Tuition and Fees for CPR Course

- \$141.38 (\$16.13 state tuition and \$120.00 college self-support fee, and \$5.25 UC fee).

***Please note that these costs are estimates and may vary.**

Apply for Funding

Some students may be eligible for Workforce Education tuition assistance programs depending on program of study, family income and family size, DSHS assistance, unemployment/employment status of self or spouse, or veteran status. Take this short survey to find out if you pre-qualify for funding at: www.StartNextQuarter.org. Students may also be eligible for additional scholarships.

Class Times/Delivery Format?

North offers two cohorts in fall, winter, and spring and can take classes either:

Option 1: Tuesdays 4-10pm, Thursdays 6-10pm, and Saturdays 8-5pm

Option 2: Mondays and Fridays 11am-7pm and Thursdays from 6-10pm

North offers one cohort in summer: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11-7pm and Saturdays 8:30-4:30pm

Find Out More

For questions about this program contact the Health and Medical area of study advisor at advisornorth@seattlecolleges.edu or 206-934-3658 or see Bob Ford in the Workforce Instruction Office, IB 2301C, 206-934-6029, robert.ford@seattlecolleges.edu

Future Education Opportunities

Once you complete the certificate, additional education opportunities include:

- AAS-T in Allied Health at North Seattle College
- Paramedic Training Program
- Emergency Management Training Program

Program and admissions requirements vary from program to program. Contact an advisor to create an educational plan tailored to your academic goals.