

TEMPLE COLLEGE

Advanced EMT & Paramedic Application

Emergency Medical Services

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Thank you for your interest in the Advanced EMT and/or Paramedic Program offered by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department of Temple College. We strive to consider all applicants in a fair and consistent manner. The application process is structured in a manner that allows us to assess your ability to perform well in the program. This packet describes the steps involved in making application.

To be admitted to the Advanced EMT or Paramedic Program, students must first meet the basic entrance requirements of Temple College. However, admission to Temple College does not constitute automatic acceptance into the EMS Department's Programs. Temple College and the EMS Department are committed to nondiscrimination practices based upon race, gender, gender identity and expression, disability, age, religion, national origin, genetic information, or veteran status.

The Program to which you are applying is both mentally and physically challenging. Because of the unique environment in which EMS personnel function, it is important to have a good understanding of the demands of the profession. A copy of the Essential Functions is included. Please review it carefully to assess your ability to perform the essential job functions of the profession. If you believe you have a disability that will require accommodations during the application process or during your enrollment as a student, please contact the EMS Department as soon as possible. While we will assure that everyone is afforded equal opportunity during the application and instructional processes, you should be aware that you must be able to successfully complete ALL of the program's requirements, either with or without reasonable accommodations.

This packet also includes a list of the program's prerequisites and several forms. Please complete the forms carefully and provide any necessary attachments. You should consult the checklist in the application to ensure that it is complete. Please be aware that the time frame for immunizations is lengthy and you should plan accordingly. We do NOT accept incomplete applications. If you have any questions, please contact us. We will be happy to assist you.

Information for Prospective Students

Prerequisites

Applicants must meet the following prerequisites to be considered for acceptance into the Advanced EMT or Paramedic program:

- Acceptance to Temple College (must submit official transcripts to both Admissions and Records and the EMS Department).
- Pass the FISDAP Entrance Exam. This exam is offered in the Testing Center on the main campus and in Hutto. Prospective students must meet or exceed the cut score set by FISDAP. Applicants are limited to two (2) attempts per application period. You must first turn in a completed application packet to schedule an exam.
- Applicants to the AEMT program must provide evidence of their EMT certification or current enrollment in an EMT course.
- Applicants to the Paramedic program must provide evidence of their AEMT certification or current enrollment in an AEMT course.
- Completion of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Requirements. Refer to the webpage for more information <http://www.templejc.edu/admissions/testing-center/placement-testing/>
- Verification of all required immunizations. You will find more information later in this packet.
- Hold a current and valid BLS Provider CPR card from the American Heart Association. Many of our clinical sites mandate training from the American Heart Association. As a result, we do not accept CPR from the American Red Cross or other vendors. Certification cannot expire before the end of the semester. Please note that the card must say BLS Provider on the front.
- Be able to successfully pass a drug screening test. (Do not begin until directed by Program)
- Be able to successfully pass a criminal background check. (Do not begin until directed by Program)
- Be able to perform all of the essential functions listed in this application packet and have this verified. Verification of student's health status (physical exam)
- Submission of a completed application packet including the essay and all supplemental documentation.

Disability Accommodations

Temple College will provide for reasonable accommodations to ensure that no individual is excluded, denied service, segregated, or otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services. Support assistance may include note takers, interpreters for the deaf, tutoring, counseling and advising, special arrangements, tape recorders, etc. Persons requesting disability services should complete a request for services by contacting the Office of Student Accommodations. In many cases, recent documentation of disability may be required.

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians administers a separate process for determining whether accommodations for disabilities will be granted during the certification exams. Eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, a student who receives an accommodation while enrolled at Temple College has no guarantee of receiving an accommodation for the certification exam.

Essential Functions

To effectively perform as an EMS Professional, students need to be able to perform certain functions during their training and while employed. The essential functions delineated below are necessary for safe and effective patient care. These skills and abilities are required for program admission, progression and graduation.

Students must be able to perform all of essential qualifications with or without reasonable accommodations. Qualified applicants with disabilities are encouraged to apply to the program if they feel they can meet all of the essential functions. Students with disabilities must request accommodations through the Office of Students Accommodations at Temple College to be considered. Students granted reasonable accommodations are still expected to perform all essential functions, and the program is not required to provide requested accommodations that would fundamentally alter the essential functions, of the program and the outlined descriptions.

The essential functions include but are not limited to the ability to:

SENSORY AND PERCEPTION

1. See objects up to 20 inches away (computer text, syringe calibrations).
2. See objects up to 20 feet away (presence of individuals close by).
3. See objects greater than 20 feet away (road signs, house numbers).
4. Distinguish color (color-coded supplies) and shading (skin signs).
5. Use peripheral vision and depth perception in emergency settings.
6. Perceive differences in surface characteristics (palpate anatomic landmarks).
7. Read fine print in varying levels of light.
8. Read for prolonged periods of time.
9. Read at varying distances.
10. Read data/information displayed on monitors, equipment, maps and computers.
11. Identifies and responds to key audible stimuli including radio traffic, alarms, warning sounds as well as audible findings on the physical exam.
12. Detect and discriminate high and low frequency sounds produced by the body and the environment.
13. Discern tremors, vibrations, pulses, textures, temperature, shapes, size, location, and other physical characteristics.
14. Perceive odors from faint to noxious (body odors, smoke, gas, alcohol).
15. Ability to use the senses to make correct judgments regarding patient conditions and safely administer pre-hospital emergency care.

COMMUNICATION/INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

1. Communicate by phone, radio, computer, and other electronic devices.
2. Express one's ideas and feelings clearly.
3. Communicate effectively/accurately with fellow students, faculty, dispatch, patients, and members of the healthcare team.
4. Be able to send and receive verbal and nonverbal messages.
5. Verbally and in writing, engage in a two-way communication and interact effectively with others from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds.

COGNITIVE/CRITICAL THINKING

1. Effectively read, write, and comprehend the English language.
2. Consistently and dependably engage in the process of critical thinking in order to formulate and implement safe and ethical decisions in a variety of settings.
3. Demonstrate satisfactory performance on written examinations, including mathematical computations without a calculator.
4. Satisfactorily achieve the program objectives.
5. Comprehend new knowledge and apply it in the practice setting.
6. Organize, problem-solve, and make decisions.
7. Be able to make good judgment decisions and exhibit problem-solving skills under stressful situations.

MOTOR FUNCTION

1. Handle and operate small delicate equipment/objects without extraneous movement, contamination or destruction.
2. Move, position, turn, transfer, assist with lifting, or lift and carry patients without injury to patients, self, or others.
3. Push/pull heavy objects without injury to patient, self, or others.
4. Function with hands free for prehospital care and transporting items.
5. Maneuver in small areas.
6. Calibrate/use equipment.
7. Perform CPR and physical assessment (repetitive motions and upper body movement).
8. Have the physical ability to walk, climb, crawl, bend, squat, push, pull, or lift and balance over uneven and less than ideal terrain.
9. Have good physical stamina and endurance, which would not be adversely affected by having to lift, carry, and balance at times, in excess of 125 lbs., 250 lbs. with assistance.
10. Have good hand-eye coordination and manual dexterity to manipulate equipment, instrumentation, and medications.
11. Stand/walk/sit for long periods.
12. Ride in all positions in ambulance or response unit without motion sickness.
13. Move with sufficient speed to respond to an emergency.
14. Maintain balance, sitting and standing, in motion and still.
15. Reach above shoulders and below waist.
16. Safely and effectively restrain a patient.
17. Preserve own safety and assist others in preserving safety.

BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL

1. Demonstrate and value caring, respect, patience, sensitivity, tact, compassion, empathy, tolerance, and a healthy attitude toward others.
2. Demonstrate a healthy mental attitude that is age appropriate.
3. Handle multiple tasks concurrently.
4. Function effectively in situations of uncertainty and stress inherent in providing prehospital care.
5. Report promptly to class and clinical rotations and able to function for up to 24 hours.
6. Accepts responsibility, accountability, and ownership of one's actions.
7. Possess sufficient emotional stability to be able to perform duties in life or death situations and in potentially dangerous social situations.
8. Be oriented to reality and not mentally impaired by mind-altering substances.
9. Work effectively in groups and independently.
10. Maintain concentration on situation and tasks as long as necessary.

11. Maintain professional demeanor in all interactions and at all times.
12. Maintain professional therapeutic boundaries.
13. Adapt to sudden, expected, or unexpected change.
14. Respond appropriately to stress and other strong emotions, both your own and others'.
15. Negotiate interpersonal conflicts to successful resolution.
16. Establish rapport with patients, bystanders, and coworkers as appropriate.
17. Appreciate and value diversity (social, cultural, spiritual, racial, or other).
18. Recognize emotions, both own and others'.
19. Provide emotional support to patient and others as appropriate.
20. Value and demonstrate honesty, integrity, and justice.
21. Demonstrate professional ethics and adhere to ethical standards in all situations.

Mathematics

1. Perform accurate measurements (weight, temperature, volume, or time).
2. Count events or instances (pulse rate, drip rate).
3. Perform arithmetic (add, subtract, multiply, and divide, including fractions).
4. Convert numbers to or from the metric system.
5. Comprehend graphs and charts.

Environment

1. Adapt to changing environments and situations.
2. Be able to tolerate being exposed to extremes in the environment including variable aspects of weather, hazardous fumes and noise.

Immunizations

The following immunizations are required:

- Mumps, measles, rubella (2-doses of measles vaccine required)
- Tetanus, diphtheria (within 10-years)
- Hepatitis B (requires six months to complete)
- TB Skin test or chest radiograph results completed within the previous 6 months
- Varicella or proof of disease (chicken pox) (2-doses required unless the first dose was received prior to the age of 13)
- Meningitis (within 5 years if you are under 30 years of age)
- Influenza (during flu season, must be current season's vaccine)

Documentation of these immunizations must be on file before you can register. Although the Department does not require it, you should consider also being vaccinated against hepatitis A.

Uniforms

You will be required to wear a specific uniform during the classroom and clinical portions of this program. Students who do not follow the uniform policy may be sent home and will be considered absent from class. Additional information is found later in the packet. Students are expected to wear the classroom uniform during the first week of class.

Books

To be successful in this program you will need to purchase and read the course textbook. In addition, you will need to purchase a software license that will allow you to schedule and record information about your clinical contacts. The textbooks and software license are available at the Temple College Bookstore, but may also be purchased online. A list of textbooks will be provided during the information session. You will also be given a list of the required textbook and software package on the first day of class.

Start Dates

We start an Advanced EMT class in Temple every January and in Hutto every August. Paramedic completion courses begin in May in Temple and in January in Hutto. Students need to complete the AEMT portion prior to beginning the paramedic portion of the curriculum. Students will need to complete both Programs in order to be certified as a Paramedic.

Class Schedules

Classes will meet one or two days per week. We typically meet on Tuesdays and Fridays. The times will normally be from 9am to 4pm. The number of days varies by semester and class. In addition, you will have online course work outside of class. Students will also attend up to 224 hours of clinical rotations per semester. Clinical rotations will be scheduled for a time outside of class at a time agreed upon by the clinical sites. Students will also have projects that may require time outside of class. These are discussed in class and students will have adequate time to prepare.

Courses

Courses vary by semester. Please refer to the College Catalog or the EMS website (www.templejc.edu/ems) for the number of hours required per semester.

Transportation and Travel Costs

Temple College and the EMS Department assume no responsibility for expenses incurred as a result of travel or transportation that must be arranged by students to satisfy course requirements.

Costs

Tuition and Fees

- These costs vary based on the course load and where you live. The table below assumes that the student is enrolled in all of the courses that meet the Paramedic Certificate. Students may choose to enroll in additional courses to complete the academic requirements of the AAS Degree. Students needing to complete additional academic courses will have a higher tuition.

<i>2019-2020 Tuition and Fees</i>		
Semester	In District	Out of District
1	\$ 2000	\$ 3200
2	\$ 1700	\$ 2500
3	\$ 1900	\$ 2800

Additional Costs

- Physical Exam – costs vary
- Uniform – cost vary
- Criminal Background and Drug Screening \$79.00
- FISDAP Entrance Exam - \$25.25 per attempt
- Textbook - \$250 per semester (costs vary based on vendor)

Evaluation of Applicants

The number of students in the program is limited by spaces available for clinical experience in affiliated hospitals and EMS provider organizations. Competitive selection of students may be necessary if the number of applicants exceeds the number of seats available. In this event, the Medical Director and EMS faculty will review applicants. Factors that may be considered if competitive selection becomes necessary include:

- Previous academic coursework and performance.
- Results of the FISDAP Entrance Exam.
- Interview results (demonstration of professionalism, leadership, team work, discipline, motivation, and character).
- Temple College service area residency status.
- Employment by one of the Department's clinical affiliates.

EMS Student Uniform Information

Students enrolled in EMS courses are required to wear a uniform during both the classroom and clinical portion of the Program. These uniforms must meet the specifications outlined in the EMS Student Handbook.

Clinical Uniform

- White uniform shirt meeting the specifications of the EMS Program (e.g. white with epaulettes, right and left vertical seams, and velcro pockets),
- Dark blue or black EMS style pants meeting the specifications of the EMS Program (uniform-style pants with cargo-type pockets, hemmed without drawstrings), EMS style pants are optional for EMT Students only.
- Black belt appropriate for the EMS pants.
- Temple College EMS program patch neatly sewn 1 inch down on the right sleeve.
- Current Texas or National Registry certification patch (EMT, AEMT) sewn 1 inch down on the left sleeve.
- Temple College EMS program photo ID badge.
- Black, low-heeled, closed-toe, clean shoes or boots.
- Other tools or instruments as specified by the program (e.g. penlight, safety vest, eye protection, N95 Respirator, pen, notepad, etc.)

Class uniform:

- Heather grey polo shirt with an embroidered TC EMS logo. Refer to the uniform vendor page on where to purchase these shirts.
- Dark blue or black EMS style pants meeting the specifications of the EMS Program (uniform-style pants with cargo-type pockets, hemmed without drawstrings), EMS style pants are optional for EMT Students only.
- Black belt appropriate for the EMS pants.
- Black, low-heeled, closed-toe, clean shoes or boots.

Students may wear the clinical uniform to class

Students MAY NOT wear the classroom uniform to clinical rotations

Restrictions are also placed on hair color, facial hair, nail polish, nail length, perfume, tattoos, piercings, and jewelry. These restrictions are based on professional and safety standards. The uniform must be clean and pressed. Clinical sites, preceptors or Temple College EMS Department staff may turn you away if they feel your dress or general appearance is inappropriate.

The specific Dress Code and Personal Hygiene policies are contained in the Temple College Student Handbook and the EMS Student Handbook.

Uniform Vendors

Students who need to purchase uniforms may do so from any source. However, the uniforms must meet the specifications of the EMS program. Uniforms meeting these specifications are available from any of the locations listed below.

Uniforms

The following locations provide pants, belts, and uniform shirts. They do not offer the polo shirts (classroom).

Galls

826 Rutland Drive
Austin, TX 78758
(512) 302-5541

Monarch Uniforms

1200 Lowe's Blvd. Ste. 113
Killeen, TX 76542
(254) 554-8989

Embroidery Services

The following vendors are the only locations you can order a polo shirt, which you may wear in the classroom only. These vendors do not carry pants or clinical shirts. The polo shirts must be pre-ordered 8-10 business days in advance.

Proctor and Rose Custom Screen Printing

110 North Main Street,
Belton, TX 76513
254-933-8866

SRI Monogramming, Inc.

2303 Country Road 172,
Round Rock, TX 78681
Phone: 512-388-4989
www.srimonogramming.com

Criminal Background Check Requirement

Some of our Clinical Affiliation Agreements require that students complete and submit a criminal background check prior to being granted access to those facilities. There are two categories of crimes.

Students may never have convictions, including a conviction for an attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation at any time from any state or jurisdiction for an offence listed in section 250.006(a) or (c) of the Texas Health and Safety Code or in section 301.4535 of the Texas Occupation Code as may be amended or recodified. The list as of October 1, 2015 includes:

1. Criminal homicide
2. Kidnapping and unlawful restraint
3. Continuous sexual abuse of young child or children
4. Indecency with a child
5. Sexual assault
6. Aggravated assault
7. Injury to a child, elderly individual, or disabled individual
8. Abandoning or endangering child
9. Aiding suicide
10. Agreement to abduct from custody
11. Sale or purchase of a child
12. Arson
13. Robbery
14. Aggravated robbery
15. Indecent exposure
16. Improper relationship between educator and student
17. Improper photography or visual recording
18. Deadly conduct
19. Aggravated sexual assault
20. Terroristic threat
21. Exploitation of a child, elderly individual, or disabled individual
22. Online solicitation of a minor
23. Money laundering
24. Medicaid fraud
25. Obstruction or retaliation
26. Cruelty to livestock animals
27. Cruelty to non-livestock animals
28. Burglary
29. Murder
30. Capital murder
31. Manslaughter
32. Aggravated sexual assault

33. Continuous sexual abuse of young child or children
34. Aggravated assault
35. An offense involving a violation of certain court orders or conditions of bond under Section 25.07, 25.071, or 25.072, Penal Code, punished as a felony;
36. An offense for which a defendant is required to register as a sex offender
37. A conviction under the laws of another state, federal law, or the Uniform Code of Military Justice for an offense containing elements that are substantially similar to the elements of an offense listed by this subsection.

Students may not have convictions in the **last five (5) full years** from any state or jurisdiction for an offense listed in section 250.006(b) of the Texas Health and Safety Code as may be amended or recodified. The list as of June 1, 2010 includes:

1. Assault that is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or as a felony;
2. Burglary
3. Theft, that is punishable as a felony;
4. Misapplication of fiduciary property or property of a financial institution that is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or a felony;
5. Securing execution of a document by deception that is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or a felony;
6. False identification as peace officer
7. Disorderly conduct

The clinical sites reserve the right to amend these lists.

Do not complete this process until you are advised by the EMS Department!

Drug Screening Requirement

Some of our Clinical Affiliation Agreements require that students complete and submit a drug screening prior to being granted access to those facilities. The drug screening must be completed every two years or if the student has not been continuously enrolled in EMS courses. Students who test positive for the following substances without providing a prescription **will not** be allowed to complete clinical rotations:

1. Amphetamines;
2. Barbiturates
3. Benzodiazepines
4. Cocaine Metabolites
5. Marijuana
6. Methadone
7. Methaqualone
8. Opiates
9. Oxycodones
10. Phencyclidine
11. Propoxyphene

This list may be amended by the clinical sites. In addition, students are subject to further drug screening for cause. Please refer to the Temple College Student Handbook and the EMS Student Handbook for additional information.

Do not complete this process until you are advised by the EMS Department!

Admissions Process

Apply to Temple College

1. Go to www.templejc.edu and click on the Apply Now Button on the homepage.
2. Submit official copies of **all** transcripts to Admissions and Records.
3. Submit proof of meningitis to Admissions and Records.
4. If you have not completed the TSI requirements, and you are not exempt, you should contact the appropriate Testing Center and schedule to take the required entrance exams. Students must take the TSI pretest prior to attempting the TSI.
 - a. Main Campus - (254) 298-8586
 - b. EWCHEC (Hutto) - (512) 759-5925

Apply to the EMS Department

1. Carefully review the Essential Functions. This document describes the physical and mental tasks the EMS profession requires. If you believe you have a disability that will require accommodations during the application process or during your enrollment as a student, please contact the EMS Department as soon as possible.
2. Complete the Application Form, Criminal History Form, Hepatitis B Forms, Health Insurance Form, and the Application Essay. This essay should be at least 250 words.
3. Obtain and attach the following documents to your application. You cannot register until we have a completed application.
 - Copies of all relevant academic transcripts: college or university, military service schools, and other (proprietary) schools. You will also need to submit official transcripts to the Office of Admission and Records.
 - A current resume or curriculum vitae showing your work history with emphasis on EMS or other health care experience. You should also emphasize experience, traits, and characteristics that will help you be successful in this program.
 - Documentation of current EMT or AEMT certification. Students who currently are enrolled in an EMT or AEMT course or who are engaged in the credentialing process should attach a statement to that effect.
 - Verification of immunization against tetanus, diphtheria, mumps, measles, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B, meningitis, and influenza. Immunization against hepatitis A is recommended but NOT required. The Admissions and Records office will also need a copy of your meningitis vaccination status.
 - Negative results from a tuberculosis skin test or chest x-ray performed within the last 6 months.
 - Copy of current AHA BLS Provider certification card.
4. Submit your complete application with all accompanying documents to the EMS Department.
5. After we receive your application and verify it is complete, we will contact you to schedule a time to take the Fisdap Paramedic Entrance Exam. This exam is offered at the Testing Center on the Main Campus and in Hutto. Students must meet or exceed the cut score set by Fisdap on all sections. Applicants are limited to two (2) attempts per application period.
6. After we receive your results on the entrance exam, we will contact you to schedule an interview.

7. Your acceptance packet will include a Physician's Verification of Student Health Status. This form must be completed by your physician and returned to the EMS Department as a means of verifying that your health will permit you to meet the technical requirements defined by the Functional Position Description, either with or without reasonable accommodations. This form must be completed and returned to finalize your acceptance to the program.
8. After you are accepted, we will help you register for your classes.

NOTE: Please retain copies of all documents you provide as part of the admissions process. Employers frequently require similar documents as part of their application process.

The EMS Department does NOT routinely provide students with photocopies of CPR cards, immunization records, EMT certificates, or similar documents from their files.

Please return the following pages along with the required documents to the EMS Office.

Mail

EMS
Temple College
2600 South 1st Street
Temple, TX 76504

Email

emsinfo@templejc.edu

In Person

Main Campus
Health Science Center #1895

Or

East Williamson County Higher Education Center
Hutto
1600 Innovation Blvd
Hutto, TX 78634

AEMT AND PARAMEDIC APPLICATION

Last Name	First Name	MI	Preferred Name
Date of Birth		Cell Phone Number (with area code)	
Mailing Address			
City	State	ZIP	
Email Address			
Current EMS Certification Level and Certifying Agency			
Previous EMS education			
Certification Level	School	Month/Year	Did you receive College Credit?
Highest Level of Education Completed, including degree and institution if appropriate.			
Name of Emergency Notification		Telephone Number (with area code)	

The nature of EMS duties requires restrictions to be placed on credentialing of persons with criminal histories. Clinical Sites will require a criminal background check and a drug screen prior to beginning clinical rotations. If the student does not meet the standards set by the clinical site, the student will not be allowed to attend or complete the clinical at that site. Applicants with criminal histories who wish to take the NREMT examination & or be certified by the Texas Department of State Health Services are reviewed by those agencies on a case by case basis. Therefore, the EMS Department is not able to advise a student with a criminal history if he/she will be eligible for certification upon course completion. Restrictions from entering a clinical site may not be the same as those of the certification/licensing agencies. Questions regarding certification of applicants with criminal histories should be directed to the Texas Department of State Health Services or the National Registry of EMT's.

Application Check List

Initial when completed:

- ___ Applied to Temple College and submitted official transcripts (Admissions and Records will require official copies. You may submit unofficial copies to the EMS Department)
- ___ Arranged with the Temple College Testing Center to complete the TSI Requirements (if not previously completed)
- ___ Reviewed the Essential Functions?

Attached the following documents to this application (Check when complete)

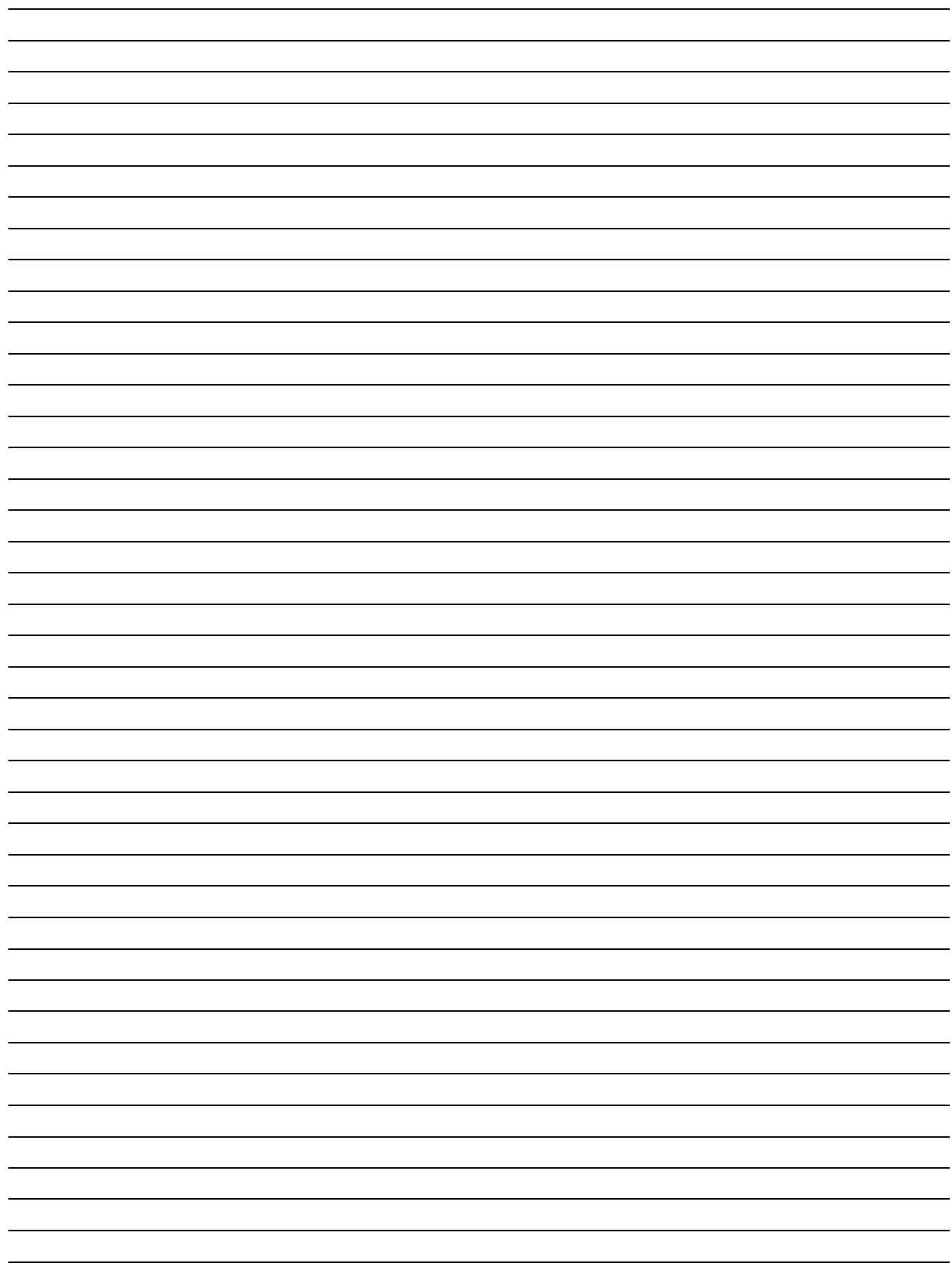
- ___ Application essay
- ___ Copies of all relevant academic transcripts (can be unofficial)
- ___ A current resume or curriculum vitae
- ___ Documentation of EMT or AEMT certification or a statement that you are either currently enrolled or engaged in the credentialing process
- ___ Verification of immunization against: tetanus, diphtheria, mumps, measles, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B, meningitis and influenza.
- ___ Negative results of a tuberculosis skin test or chest x-ray performed within the last 6 months
- ___ Copy of current CPR Card (**must be AHA BLS Provider**)

Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.

APPLICATION ESSAY

Please answer the following question: “What are the traits and characteristics that all great paramedics share?” As part of your response, you should demonstrate how your past experience models these traits and characteristics. Your answer should be at least 250 words in length. Typed documents are acceptable).

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CRIMINAL HISTORY

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE AND AGREEMENT

Student Name: _____

Student Address: _____

Field of Study: _____

Student has requested admission or has been admitted to Temple College to seek a degree or certificate in the above field of study. A portion of the curriculum which the Student must complete involves a clinical rotation or observation at a hospital or health care facility. If Student completes the field of study and obtains the degree or certificate sought, Student might have to be licensed or certified by the State of Texas or other jurisdiction before Student can be employed in his or her chosen field.

Before beginning or continuing Student's field of study at Temple College, Student should be aware that a criminal record may have adverse consequences on Student's ability to reach Student's ultimate goal of certification/licensure and employment.

For instance, Student may not be able to complete clinical rotations or observations if Student has a criminal record. Likewise, such a record may prevent Student from being licensed, certified, or employed. A criminal background check may and probably will be required in connection with Student's clinical rotation/observation, licensure/certification, and employment.

Temple College and its faculty, officers, and employees cannot determine with certainty whether Student's criminal record, if any, will have any adverse effect on Student's ability to complete the field of study, obtain the degree sought, be licensed/certified, or be employed.

Student understands that the decision as to whether the Student can attend clinicals or observation at a hospital or health care facility, obtain certification, and be employed by a health care provider is the decision of the hospital, health care facility, or certifying agency. For a complete list of offense please refer to the section on Criminal Background Checks found earlier in this packet.

Student, by signing below, acknowledges receipt of this document and understands its contents. Student covenants never to sue or seek damages from Temple College as a result of any adverse consequences described above which maybe suffered by Student as a result of Student's criminal record. Student acknowledges that Temple College or a health care provider may have to obtain are part of Student's criminal record or other required information at some time in the future to place Student in a clinical rotation or observation. Student must sign all forms necessary for the College or a health care provider to obtain this criminal report or other required information in order to be admitted into a clinical rotation or observation.

Signature of Student

Date

HEPATITIS B IMMUNIZATION

INFORMATION

Hepatitis B is a serious disease caused by a virus that attacks the liver. The virus, which is called hepatitis B virus (HBV), can cause lifelong infection, cirrhosis (scarring) of the liver, liver cancer, liver failure, and death.

Short-term consequences of Hepatitis B include an average of seven (7) weeks lost from work and the risk of permanent liver damage. Long-term consequences include chronic active Hepatitis, cirrhosis of the liver, and liver cancer.

In the health care setting, Hepatitis B patients are difficult to identify. In many cases, they do not show symptoms and it may not be known that they are infected with the Hepatitis B virus. The virus is primarily spread to health care workers through contact with infected blood or other body fluids. Health care workers have three (3) to five (5) times the risk of the general public of acquiring Hepatitis B. Hepatitis B represents the major occupational infectious disease hazard of health care workers.

THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) AND THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) RECOMMEND VACCINATION OF ALL HEALTH CARE WORKERS.

As a student in a health care field, you will have direct contact with patients who could be Hepatitis B carriers. THEREFORE, IT IS REQUIRED THAT YOU OBTAIN THE SERIES OF THREE (3) IMMUNIZATIONS FOR HEPATITIS B, OR PROVIDE PROOF OF SEROLOGIC CONFIRMATION OF IMMUNITY TO HEPATITIS B VIRUS OR YOU MUST QUALIFY FOR ONE OF THE EXCLUSIONS LISTED IN RULE 97.62.

I, _____, hereby affirm that I have been well advised and thoroughly informed of the hazards of not obtaining the **Hepatitis B immunizations**.

____ I understand that participating in clinical rotations involves certain risks, and injuries can occur that result in extensive treatments, personal injury and even death. I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain the **Hepatitis B immunizations and to provide proof of such to Temple College**.

____ I have already been vaccinated against **Hepatitis B** and will provide proof of these to Temple College.

____ I will immediately start and obtain the entire series of **Hepatitis B** immunizations prior to any clinical rotations or other activities involving patient care and will provide proof of these to Temple College. Completion of the **Hepatitis B** series takes approximately four (4) to six (6) months to complete. **Please see schedule regarding admission requirements.** Watch your dates closely.

____ I Choose NOT to obtain the **Hepatitis B** immunizations. I understand if I choose not to obtain the **Hepatitis B** immunizations and I do not qualify for any of the Exclusions in Rule 97.62, I will not be considered for admission into this program.

EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature _____

Printed Name: _____

HEPATITIS B IMMUNIZATION

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to enroll in clinical rotation courses, I hereby affirm that REGARDLESS OF MY HEPATITIS IMMUNIZATION STATUS, I DO HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE TEMPLE COLLEGE, ITS GOVERNING BOARD, ITS EMPLOYEES, INSTRUCTORS, AGENTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES (THE "RELEASED PARTIES"), FROM ALL LIABILITY WHATSOEVER TO ME FOR PERSONAL INJURY, DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR BY ANY STATUTORY VIOLATION, OR CAUSED BY MY CONTRACTING HEPATITIS OR ANY CONTAGIOUS DISEASE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING INJURIES OR DISEASES CAUSED BY "SHARP" CUTS, NEEDLE STICKS, OR EXPOSURE TO PATIENTS OR THEIR BODILY FLUIDS OR RESPIRATIONS, AND I EXPRESSLY HEREBY DISCHARGE AND RELEASE THE SAID RELEASED PARTIES ABOVE NAMED FROM ANY CLAIM, DEMAND, CAUSE OF ACTION OR DAMAGE OF ANY DESCRIPTION IN ANY WAY RELATED TO MY CONTRACTING INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND MY OBTAINING OR FAILING TO OBTAIN IMMUNIZATIONS AGAINST THESE DISEASES. THIS RELEASE WILL BE APPLICABLE TO DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY ME CAUSED BY THE JOINT OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, EVEN IF THEY ARE DISCHARGED OR PROTECTED AGAINST THEIR OWN NEGLIGENCE.

I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this waiver and release of liability; that I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital; and that I have signed this document of my own free act.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY BY READING IT AND THE TEMPLE COLLEGE HEPATITIS B INFORMATION DOCUMENT BEFORE SIGNING BELOW.

EXECUTED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

SIGNATURE _____

Printed Name: _____

Hep B Rev: May, 2005

HEALTH INSURANCE

DISCLOSURE AND AGREEMENT

The profession and activities that you will undertake as part of your educational experience will expose you to risks. The dangers include, but are not limited to, ambulance crashes, assaults, hazardous materials exposures, infectious diseases, lower back injuries, abrasions, cuts, and exposure to extreme temperatures.

Students are provided liability insurance through Temple College for the purposes of the clinical rotations only. This is not health insurance and does not equate to medical benefits. The facilities in which you will be learning do not provide worker compensation or other medical benefits to the student.

If the student becomes sick or injured as a result of participating in the EMS courses, the student will be responsible for any and all costs that are associated with the treatment. As such, students are highly encouraged to purchase personal health care coverage while participating in these courses.

Some clinical facilities require students to provide evidence of a current policy to participate in clinical experience at their location. This will not prevent students from completion of the program, but does limit the number of sites available for student without health coverage.

I understand that Temple College and affiliated clinical sites have no responsibility for providing health care services in the event of illness or injury. In addition, students may be requested to acknowledge and sign additional liability release forms from clinical sites.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____