Advanced EMT & Paramedic Application

Department of EMS Professions

11/19/2015
Thank you for your interest in the Advanced EMT and/or Paramedic Program offered by the Emergency Medical Services Professions (EMSP) Department. 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.

Temple College and the EMS Professions Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion/creed, age, gender, disabling conditions, handicaps, or national origin. 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 Professions Department’s Programs.

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 Functional Position Description is attached. 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 Professions 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 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 Professions Department).
- Complete the TEAS-V exam. This exam is offered in the Testing Center on the main campus and in Hutto. Prospective students must score at least a 61% or above on the combined math and reading sections.
- 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 written application for admission to the program, including the essay and all supplemental documentation.
- Completion of the Texas Success Initiate (TSI) Requirements. Refer to the webpage for more information [http://templejc.edu/academics/testing-center/placement-testing/](http://templejc.edu/academics/testing-center/placement-testing/)
- Verification of all required immunizations. You will find more information later in this packet
- Be currently certified in Health Care Provider CPR 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. We do not accept CPR for lay rescuers.
- Negative drug screening test. (Do not begin until directed by Program)
- Pass criminal background check. (Do not begin until directed by Program)
- Verification of student’s health status (physical exam)

Disability Accommodations
Temple College will take the steps required for reasonable accommodation 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 Special Support Services. 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.
**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
- 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. We also offer evening classes based on demand. The number of days varies by semester and class. In addition, you will have online course work outside of class. Additionally, students will also have one Saturday meeting each semester. The Saturday sessions will be toward the end of the semester to give you plenty of time to plan. 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.
Courses
Courses vary by semester. Please refer to the College Catalog or the EMS Professions website (www.templejc.edu/ems) for the number of hours required per semester.

Transportation and Travel Costs
Temple College and the EMS Professions 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 General Fees – These fees vary based on the course load. The 1st is eleven credit hours, the 2nd and 3rd semesters are 10 credit hours, and the 4th semester is 12 hours. Please refer to the chart below for pricing. Students needing to complete additional academic courses will have a higher tuition.
- Clinical Fee and Liability Insurance Fee - $203 per semester
- Physical Exam – costs vary
- Uniform – cost vary
- Criminal Background Check – $35.00 (costs vary)
- Drug Screening - $45.00 (costs vary based on vendor)
- TEAS-V Exam - $50 per attempt
- Textbook - $250 per semester (costs vary based on vendor)
- FISDAP (Clinical Scheduling and Tracking Database) - $80.00

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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 EMSP faculty will review applicants. Factors that may be considered if competitive selection becomes necessary include:

- Previous academic coursework and performance.
- Results of the TEAS-V 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.
EMSP Student Uniform Information

Students enrolled in EMSP 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 EMSP Student Handbook.

Clinical Uniform

- White uniform shirt meeting the specifications of the EMSP 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 EMSP Program (uniform-style pants with cargo-type pockets, hemmed without drawstrings), [EMS Pants are optional for EMT Students only. Black or blue pants are acceptable, but jeans are not acceptable]
- Black belt appropriate for the EMS pants,
- Temple College EMSP 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 EMSP 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 embroider TC EMSP 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 EMSP Program (uniform-style pants with cargo-type pockets, hemmed without drawstrings), [EMS Pants are optional for EMT Students only. Black or blue pants are acceptable, but jeans are not acceptable]
- Black belt appropriate for the EMS pants,
- Temple College EMSP program photo ID badge,
- Black, low-heeled, closed-toe, clean shoes or boots,

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Students may wear the clinical uniform to class
Students MAY NOT wear the classroom uniform to clinical rotations
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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 EMSP 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 Professions 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 EMSP program. Uniforms meeting these specifications are available from any of the locations listed below. Please note the vendors with an asterisk sell the approved polo shirts.

**Austin/Round Rock**

*Miller Uniforms*
650 Canion
Austin, TX 78752
(512) 302-5541
[www.millersuniforms.com](http://www.millersuniforms.com)

***SRI Monogramming, Inc.***
203 Country Road 172,
Round Rock, TX 78681
Phone: 512-388-4989
[www.srimonogramming.com](http://www.srimonogramming.com)

**Belton/Killeen/Harker Heights**

***Proctor and Rose Custom Screen Printing***
110 North Main Street,
Belton, TX 76513
254-933-8866
[www.proctorandrose.net](http://www.proctorandrose.net)

Scrubtopia
108 East FM 2410, Suite C&D
Harker Heights, TX 76548
(254) 727-8270
[www.scrubtopiauniforms.com](http://www.scrubtopiauniforms.com)

**Waco**

*New York Clothiers*
906 Austin Ave
Waco, TX 76701
(254) 754-3242
(800)-889-3242
Functional Position Description

**Advanced EMT and Paramedic**

The following general position description should guide you when considering what qualifications, competencies, and tasks are required of the Advanced EMT and Paramedic (collectively referred to as medics). The ultimate responsibility for defining specific job descriptions lies with your employer. This means that even though a student meets the requirements of Temple College’s EMS Professions Department, he or she is not guaranteed to meet those set by a specific employer.

**Qualifications**

You must first successfully complete the course of study offered through the EMS Professions Department. The Texas Department of State Health Services has approved all of our Advanced EMT and Paramedic classes. Once you have successfully completed the program, you are eligible for certification or licensure with the Texas Department of State Health Services. However, you will not be granted certification or licensure until you have passed the national certification exam.

You must be at least 18 years of age. You will need to be able to work at a college level, as demonstrated by assessment testing, to master the knowledge and skills required for successful completion. You must possess the ability to communicate verbally face-to-face, by telephone, by electronic devices, and by radio equipment; ability to lift, carry, and balance up to 125 pounds (250 with assistance); ability to interpret written and oral instructions; ability to use good judgment and remain calm in high stress situations; ability to work effectively in an environment with loud noises, flashing lights, and other distractions; ability to function effectively throughout and entire work shift (up to 24 hours without sleep); ability to calculate weight and volume ratios and read small print under life-threatening time constraints; ability to read and understand English language manuals, computer screens and road maps; ability to discern street signs and address numbers; ability to interview patients, family members, and bystanders; ability to document, in writing, relevant information with medical and legal ramifications in a prescribed format; ability to converse in English with coworkers and hospital staff as to patient status; good manual dexterity, with ability to perform all tasks related to highest quality patient care; ability to bend, stoop, and crawl on uneven terrain; ability to withstand varied environmental conditions such as extreme heat, cold, and moisture; ability to work in low light, confined spaces, and other dangerous environments.

**Competency Areas**

**Advanced EMT:** You must demonstrate competence in handling emergencies using all basic and advanced life support equipment and skills in accordance with all cognitive, psychomotor, and behavioral objectives in the U.S. Department of Transportation Advanced EMT Education Standards as defined by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Required skills include endotracheal intubation, supraglottic airways, cricothyrotomy, intraosseous cauterization, intravenous catheterization, and administration of some medications, including glucose and naloxone.

**Paramedic:** You must demonstrate competence in handling emergencies using all basic and advanced life support equipment and skills in accordance with all cognitive, psychomotor, and behavioral objectives in the U.S. Department of Transportation Paramedic Education Standards. This curriculum includes objectives relating to ECG interpretation, 12 Lead interpretation, capnography, manual defibrillation, endotracheal intubation, supraglottic airways, cricothyrotomy, intraosseous cauterization,
intravenous catheterization, medication administration, chest tube management, pericardiocentesis, and needle chest decompression. The Paramedic has reached the highest level of pre-hospital certification.

**Description of Tasks**

Receives call from dispatcher; responds to emergency calls; reads maps and computer screens; may drive ambulance to emergency site, using most expeditious route; observes traffic ordinances and regulations.

Determines nature and extent of illness or injury; takes pulse, blood pressure, and respirations; observes changes in skin color and other diagnostic signs; auscultates breath sounds; makes determinations regarding patient status; establishes priority for emergency care; provides appropriate emergency care based on competency level; may administer intravenous drugs or fluid replacement as directed by physician or written protocols. May use equipment based on competency level, including but not limited to defibrillator, external pacer, electrocardiograph, intravenous catheterization equipment, laryngoscope and endotracheal tubes. Assists in lifting, carrying, and transporting patients to ambulance. Reassures patients and bystanders; avoids undue haste and mishandling of patients; searches for medical information emblem to aid in care. Extricates patient from entrapment; assesses extent of injury; uses prescribed techniques and appliances; radios dispatcher for additional assistance or services; provides light rescue service if required; provides additional emergency care following established protocols.

Complies with regulations in handling deceased, notifies authorities, arranges for protection of property and evidence at scene. Determines appropriate facility to which patient will be transported, reports nature and extent of injuries to facility, and asks for direction from hospital physician or emergency department. Observes patient en route and administers care as directed by physician or emergency department, or according to written protocol. Identifies diagnostic signs that require communication with facility. Assists in removing patient from ambulance and into emergency facility. Reports observations about patient and patient care at scene and en route to facility both verbally and in writing, provides assistance to emergency staff as required.

Replaces supplies; sends appropriate used supplies for sterilization; checks all equipment for future readiness; maintains ambulance in operable condition; ensures cleanliness of ambulance and orderliness of equipment and supplies; decontaminates vehicle interior; determines vehicle readiness by checking oil, gas, water in battery and radiator, and tire pressure; maintains familiarity with all specialized equipment.

**Additional Traits**

In addition to the above requirements, to be a successful student requires the ability to organize, prioritize, set goals, manage time, be self-disciplined, and have a positive attitude.
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 offence 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 Professions 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 EMSP 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 Professions Student Handbook for additional information.

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

Apply to Temple College

1. Submit an application. Application may be turned in to Admissions and Records or completed online at www.applytexas.org
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 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 Professions Department

1. Carefully review the Functional Position Description. 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 Professions Department as soon as possible.
2. Take the TEAS-V Exam. This exam is offered at the Testing Center on the Main Campus and in Hutto. Students must score at least a 61% on the combined math and reading sections. If necessary, you may retake the exam. You may contact the Testing Center at:
   a. Main Campus - (254) 298-8586
   b. EWCHEC (Hutto) - (512) 759-5925
3. Complete the Application Form, Criminal History Form, Hepatitis B Forms, and the Application Essay. This essay should be at least 250 words.
4. Obtain and attach the following documents to your application. You cannot register until we have a completed application.
   - Copies of all relevant academic transcripts: high school, 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 emphasis experience, traits, and characteristics that will help you be successful in this program.
   - Documentation of current EMT certification. Students who currently are enrolled in an EMT 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 driver’s license or State ID card
   - Copy of current AHA Healthcare Provider certification card.
5. Submit your complete application with all accompanying documents to the EMS Professions Department.

6. After we receive your application and verify it is complete, we will contact you to schedule a time for the information session and a personal 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 Professions 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 Professions 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 Professions Office.

**Mail**
EMS Professions  
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
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 EMSP 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 Professions Department

___ Arranged with the Temple College Testing Center to complete the TSI Requirements (if not previously completed)

___ Reviewed the Functional Position Description?

___ Arranged with the Temple College Testing Center to take the TEAS-V

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

___ Application essay

___ Copies of all relevant academic transcripts (can be unofficial), including evidence of completion of or current enrollment in an Anatomy and Physiology Course

___ Evidence of High School Diploma, GED, or letter stating you are in your senior year of High School

___ A current resume or curriculum vitae

___ Documentation of EMT 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 driver’s license or State ID Card

___ Copy of current CPR Card (must be AHA Health Care Provider)

Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.
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.)
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 so 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.

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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:______________________________

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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 Profession 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.

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: ___________________________________________________________________