

TEMPLE COLLEGE

EMT Application Packet

Emergency Medical Services



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Thank you for your interest in the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program offered by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department at Temple College. We strive to consider all applicants in a fair and consistent manner. This packet describes the steps involved in making application.

To be admitted to the EMT 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 Professions 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 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 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 required forms. Please complete all forms carefully and provide any necessary attachments. You should consult the checklist at the bottom of the form to ensure your application 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 EMT Students

Prerequisites

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

- High school graduation or a GED. (High school seniors may apply, but you must be 18 years old and hold a high school diploma or GED to become certified)
- Acceptance to Temple College.
- Verification of immunization against tetanus, diphtheria, mumps, measles, rubella, influenza and varicella.
- Verification of 2nd Hepatitis B vaccination (2 of 3) by the date:
 - For Fall Semester admission – May 15
 - For Spring Semester admission –Sept. 15
 - For Summer Semester admission – Jan. 15

The entire Hepatitis B vaccine series must be completed prior to the beginning of clinical rotations!

- Negative results from a tuberculosis skin test or chest x-ray performed within the last 6 months.
- Be currently certified in CPR from the American Heart Association (BLS Provider). Certification from the American Red Cross is not accepted by some of the clinical sites. As a result, this certification is not acceptable for admission to the program. Certification cannot expire before the end of the semester. We do not accept Heartsaver CPR courses from the AHA. These are designed for professional healthcare providers.
- Completion of the written application for admission to the program, including all supplemental documentation.

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 completed within the previous 6 months
- Influenza – for Spring Admission, and Fall when available in October.
- Varicella or proof of disease (chicken pox) (2-doses required unless the first dose was received prior to the age of 13)

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.

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 during an EMT course has no guarantee of receiving an accommodation for the certification exam.

Uniforms

You will be required to wear specific uniforms during both the classroom and clinical portions of this program. Additional information is found later in the packet. Students are expected to wear the classroom uniform during the first week of class.

Supplies

Students will be required to purchase a stethoscope for use during laboratory sessions and clinical rotations. Purchase of a blood pressure cuff is encouraged since manual BP cuffs often are not readily available at rotation sites.

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 textbook and software license are available at the Temple College Bookstore, but may also be purchased online. Textbook information is available online under the course information section of the Class Schedule section of the Temple College Webpage. You will also be given a list of required textbook and software package on the first night of class.

Class Schedules

In the Fall and Spring, classes meet Monday and Wednesday (for the Hutto class) and Tuesday and Thursday (for the Temple Class) from 5:30 pm to 10pm. There will also be one 8-hour Saturday sessions as indicated on the course schedule.

In the Summer, classes meet on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays from 5:30 pm to 10 pm, with one 8 hour Saturday.

The Saturday sessions will be toward the end of the semester to give you plenty of time to plan. In addition, you will attend at least 80 hours of clinical rotations. Clinical rotations will be scheduled for a time outside of class at a time agreed upon by the clinical sites.

Courses

You will need to enroll in two courses for six credit hours. EMSP 1501-Emergency Medical Technician is the lecture/lab course. EMSP 1160-Clinical EMS is the clinical course. Students wishing to pursue advance coursework (Advanced EMT or Paramedic) training are required to enroll in Human Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL 2401 or BIOL 2404). See the specific program curriculum for more information.

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 General Fees are based on where you live. Please refer to chart.
- Textbooks - \$180.00 (costs vary based on vendor)
- FISDAP (Clinical Scheduling and Tracking Database) - \$30.00
- Uniform – cost vary
- Criminal Background and Drug Screening Check – \$79.00

2018-2019 Tuition and General Fee Schedule

Semester Hours	In-District	Out-Of-District
6	\$ 871	\$ 1303

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.

The clinical uniform consists of:

- a white uniform shirt meeting the specifications of the EMS Program (e.g. white with epaulettes, right and left vertical seams, and/or velcro pockets),
- dark blue or black “Pro-Tuff” type of EMS pants meeting the specifications of the EMS Program (uniform-style pants with cargo-type pockets, hemmed without drawstrings), [EMS Pants are optional for EMT Students only]
- a black belt appropriate for the EMS pants,
- a Temple College EMS program patch neatly sewn 1 inch down on the right sleeve,
- a 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.)

The classroom uniform consists of:

- A heather gray polo shirt with an embroidered TC EMS Logo (see vendor list below)
- dark blue or black “Pro-Tuff” type of EMS pants meeting the specifications of the EMS Program (uniform-style pants with cargo-type pockets, hemmed without drawstrings), [EMS Pants are optional for EMT Students only]
- a black belt appropriate for the EMS pants,
- a Temple College EMS program photo ID badge,
- black, low-heeled, closed-toe, clean shoes or boots,

Student 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.

Students who need to purchase uniforms may do so from any source. However, the uniforms must meet the specifications of the EMS Department.

Uniform Vendors

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Uniforms

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

Miller Uniforms)

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

Scrubtopia

108 East FM 2410, Suite C&D
Harker Heights, TX 76548
(254) 727-8270

New York Clothiers

906 Austin Ave
Waco, TX 76701
(254) 754-3242
(800)-889-3242

Embroidery Services

The following vendors are the only locations you can order a polo shirt. 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

Information on a Career in Emergency Medical Services

Nature of the Work

People's lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics, EMTs with additional advanced training to perform more difficult pre-hospital medical procedures. Incidents as varied as automobile accidents, heart attacks, drownings, childbirths, and gunshot wounds all require immediate medical attention. EMTs and paramedics provide this vital attention as they care for and transport the sick or injured to a medical facility.

Depending on the nature of the emergency, EMTs and paramedics typically are dispatched to the scene by a 911 operator and often work closely with police and fire department personnel. Once they arrive, they determine the nature and extent of the patient's condition, while trying to ascertain whether the patient has preexisting medical problems. Following policies and protocols, they give appropriate emergency care and when necessary, transport the patient. EMTs and paramedics also treat patients with minor injuries on the scene of an accident or at their home without transporting them to a medical facility. Some paramedics work as part of helicopter flight crews that transport critically ill or injured. All treatments are carried out under the supervision of medical doctors. In addition, Community Paramedics provide long term care that address public health, primary care, disease management, social services, and wellness care.

EMTs and paramedics may use special equipment such as backboards to immobilize patients before placing them on stretchers and securing them in the ambulance for transport to a medical facility. Usually, one EMT or paramedic drives while the other monitors the patient's condition and gives additional care as needed. At the medical facility, EMTs and paramedics transfer patients to the emergency department staff, report their observations and actions, and may provide additional emergency treatment. After each run, EMTs and paramedics replace used supplies, check equipment, decontaminate the equipment and the interior of the ambulance, and write a patient care report.

Beyond these general duties, the specific responsibilities of EMTs and paramedics depend on their level of qualification and training. The Texas Department of State Health Services certifies or licenses emergency medical service (EMS) providers and the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) registers providers at four levels: First Responder, also called Emergency Care Attendant (ECAs), EMT, Advanced EMT, and Paramedic. The lowest level, First Responder (ECA), is trained to provide basic emergency medical care because they tend to be the first persons to arrive at the scene of an incident. Many firefighters, police officers, and other emergency workers have this level of training. The EMT represents the first component of the emergency medical service (EMS) system. An EMT is trained to care for ill or injured patients on scenes and during transport by ambulance to the hospital. The EMT has the skills to assess a patient's condition and manage respiratory, cardiac, other medical and trauma emergencies. The Advanced EMT has more advanced training that allows administration of intravenous fluids, use of advanced airway techniques and equipment to assist patients experiencing emergencies. Paramedics provide the most extensive pre-hospital care. In addition to the procedures already described, paramedics may administer drugs, interpret electrocardiograms (EKGs), use manual defibrillators to restart the heart, perform surgical airways, and use other complex equipment.

Working Conditions

EMS Providers work both indoors and outdoors, in all types of weather. They are required to do considerable kneeling, bending, and heavy lifting. These workers risk noise-induced hearing loss from

sirens and noisy accident scenes and back injuries from lifting patients. In addition, EMTs and paramedics may be exposed to diseases such as Hepatitis and HIV, as well as violence from drug overdose victims or mentally unstable patients. The work may not only be physically strenuous, but also stressful, involving life-or-death situations and suffering patients. Nonetheless, many people find the work exciting and challenging and enjoy the opportunity to help others. EMTs and paramedics should be emotionally stable, have good dexterity, agility, and physical coordination, and be able to lift and carry heavy loads.

EMTs and paramedics employed by fire departments work about 50 hours a week. Those employed by hospitals frequently work between 45 and 60 hours a week and those in private ambulance services, between 45 and 50 hours. Some of these workers, especially those in police and fire departments, are on duty for extended periods. Many EMTs and paramedics work 24/48 hours shifts in which they work for 24 hours and are off the next 48 hours. Because emergency services function 24 hours a day, EMTs and paramedics have irregular working hours that add to job stress.

Employment

EMTs and paramedics held about 248,500 jobs in 2016. Most career EMTs and paramedics work in metropolitan areas. There are many more volunteer EMTs and paramedics, especially in smaller cities, towns, and rural areas. They volunteer for fire departments, or emergency medical services (EMS). EMTs and paramedics may respond to only a few calls for service per month, or may answer 20 calls for service per shift.

Full- and part-time paid EMTs and paramedics were employed in a number of settings. About 4 out of 10 worked in local and suburban transportation, as employees of private ambulance services. About 3 out of 10 worked in local government for fire departments, public ambulance services and Emergency Medical Services. Another 2 out of 10 were found in hospitals, where they worked full time within the medical facility or responded to calls in ambulances or helicopters to transport critically ill or injured patients. The remainder worked in various industries providing emergency services.

Training, Other Qualifications, and Advancement

Formal training and certification is needed to become an EMT or paramedic. In Texas, an applicant must complete a Department of State Health Service approved course, pass a credentialing exam and a skills exam. All initial applicants will be required to take the National Registry of EMTs examination to obtain a Texas certification or licensure. To maintain certification, EMTs and paramedics must reregister, every 2 years for the National Registry, and/or every four years for the Texas Department of State Health Services. In order to re-register or recertify, an individual must meet the continuing education requirements set by the issuing entity.

Training is offered at progressive levels: EMT, Advanced EMT, and Paramedic. The EMT represents the first level of skills required to work in the emergency medical system. Formal classroom experiences are enhanced with combined time in an emergency room and on an ambulance. Coursework typically emphasizes emergency skills such as managing respiratory, trauma, and cardiac emergencies and patient assessment. The program also provides instruction and practice in dealing with bleeding, fractures, airway obstruction, cardiac arrest, and emergency childbirth. Students learn to use and maintain common emergency equipment, such as backboards, suction devices, splints, oxygen delivery systems, and stretchers. The course is a prerequisite for further training as an Advanced EMT and paramedic

Advanced EMT training requirements vary from State to State. In Texas, Advanced EMTs receive additional training in assessment, trauma, physiology, airway management, and medical emergencies. Training commonly includes 250 hours of additional instruction beyond EMT coursework which includes required classroom work, and a specified amount of clinical experience. Prerequisites for taking the Advanced EMT examination include certification or registration as an EMT. Advanced EMT (EMT-Intermediate) is not a prerequisite for paramedic training.

The most advanced level of training for this occupation is paramedic. At this level, the caregiver receives additional training in physiology, pharmacology, patient assessment, cardiology, trauma, airway management and extensive training in other body systems. Paramedic coursework lasts eighteen to twenty-four months and can result in an associate degree in applied science. Such education prepares the graduate to take the NREMT and the State Credentialing Examination and become certified as a paramedic. Extensive classroom, clinical and field training is required. Due to the longer training requirement, almost all paramedics are in paid positions. Refresher courses and continuing education are available for EMTs and paramedics at all levels.

Advancement beyond the paramedic level usually means leaving fieldwork. A paramedic can become a supervisor, community paramedic, flight paramedic, operations manager, administrative director, or executive director of emergency services. Some EMTs and paramedics become instructors, or dispatchers, while others move into sales or marketing of emergency medical equipment. A number of people become EMTs and paramedics to assess their interest in healthcare and then decide to return to school and become registered nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physicians, or other health care workers.

Job Outlook

Employment of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics is expected to grow by 15 percent from 2016 to 2027, much faster than the average for all occupations. Emergencies such as car crashes, natural disasters, and violence will continue to create demand for EMTs and paramedics. There will also continue to be demand for part-time, volunteer EMTs and paramedics in rural areas and smaller metropolitan areas.

Growth in the middle-aged and elderly population will lead to an increase in the number of age-related health emergencies, such as heart attacks or strokes. This, in turn, will lead to an increase in the demand for EMTs and paramedic services. An increase in specialized medical facilities will require more EMTs and paramedics to transfer patients with specific conditions to these facilities for treatment. In addition, many systems are modifying the traditional role of paramedics and adding more public health responsibilities. This will increase the number of positions available at each service.

In recent years, companies that build ambulances have started to update and redesign their interiors to keep EMTs, paramedics, and patients safer during transport. These companies are hiring EMTs and paramedics as consultants to learn their ideas about such updates and designs.

Most opportunities for EMTs and paramedics are expected to arise in hospitals and private ambulance services. Competition will be greater for jobs in local government, including fire, police, and independent third service rescue squad departments, where salaries and benefits tend to be slightly better. Opportunities will be best for those who have advanced certifications, such as Advanced EMT (EMT-Intermediate) and paramedic, as clients and patients demand higher levels of care before arriving at the hospital.

Earnings

Earnings of EMTs and paramedics depend on the employment setting and geographic location as well as the individual's training and experience. According to a recent survey conducted by the Journal of Emergency Medical Services average annual starting salaries was \$37,909 for a Paramedic, \$29,542 for an EMT-Intermediate, and \$27,747 for an EMT¹. Several agencies in the Central Texas Area offer starting salaries of at least \$50,000 annually.

Those in emergency medical services who are part of fire or police departments receive the same benefits as firefighters or police officers. For example, many are covered by pension plans that provide retirement at half pay after 20 or 25 years of service or if disabled in the line of duty.

Related Occupations

Other workers in occupations that require quick and level-headed reactions to life-or-death situations are Air Traffic Controllers, Firefighting Occupations, Physician Assistants, Police and Detectives, and Registered Nurses.

Sources of Additional Information

National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians

www.naemt.org

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians

www.nremt.org

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Emergency Medical Services

www.ems.gov

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

¹ http://www.jems.com/sites/default/files/Download_IEMS_2012_Salary_Survey.pdf

Function Position Description: EMT

The following general position description should guide you when considering what qualifications, competencies, and tasks are required of the EMT. The ultimate responsibility for defining specific job descriptions lies with each EMS entity. This means that even though a student meets the requirements of Temple College's EMS 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 Department. The Texas Department of State Health Services has approved all of our EMT courses. Once you have successfully completed the program, you are eligible for certification with the Texas Department of State Health Services. However, you will not be granted certification until you have passed the national certification exam.

You must be at least 18 years of age. You will need at least a high school education or its equivalent (a GED) to master the knowledge and skills required for successful completion. You must possess the ability to communicate verbally face-to-face, by telephone, by computer, 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 read small print under life-threatening time constraints; ability to read and understand English language manuals and road maps; ability to read information on a computer screens, ability to discern street signs and address numbers; ability to interview patients, family members, and bystanders; ability to document, on paper and using a computer, 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

EMT: You must demonstrate competence in handling emergencies using basic life support equipment and skills in accordance with all cognitive, psychomotor, and behavioral objectives in EMT National Standard Curriculum. Required skills include cardiopulmonary resuscitation, bandaging and splinting, traction splinting, mechanical aids to breathing, vital signs, patient assessment, spinal immobilization, automated external defibrillation, small volume nebulization, metered dose inhalers, epinephrine auto injectors, pneumatic anti-shock garment, and administration of some medications, including activated charcoal, albuterol, epinephrine, oral glucose and nitroglycerin.

Description of Tasks

Receives call from dispatcher; responds to emergency calls; reads maps on paper and computer; 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 use equipment based on competency level, including but not limited to epinephrine auto injectors, small volume nebulizers, metered dose inhalers, mechanical aids to breathing, long spine board, short spine boards, glucometers, pulse oximeters, splints, bandages and pneumatic anti-shock garment.

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.

Physical Guidelines

Strength

Perform physical activities requiring ability to push/pull objects more than 50 pounds and to transfer objects of more than 100 pounds.

Manual Dexterity

Perform motor skills such as standing, walking, writing; manipulative skills requiring eye-hand coordination and arm-hand steadiness, taking blood pressure, and using various types of large and small equipment.

Coordination

Perform body coordination such as walking, running, climbing stairs, retrieving equipment and moving patients from the floor/bed/chair to a cot.

Mobility

Physical ability to maneuver in small spaces (ambulance) and treatment areas, ability to walk, stand, kneel, stoop, and ability to be in prolonged uncomfortable positions.

Visual Ability

See objects far away, see objects close and to discriminate colors. Visual ability must be sufficient for driving an ambulance and for observation and assessment necessary in patient care. Students will

perform such skills as reading a patient's chart on paper and computer screen, detecting a patient's color, checking pupils, and reading medication labels.

Hearing

Be able to hear normal sounds with background noise and distinguish sounds sufficient to monitor and assess health needs. Necessary activities include hearing monitor alarms, emergency signals, listening to breath sounds, talking with patients and hearing radio transmissions.

Concentration

Concentrate on details with moderate amount of interruptions.

Attention Span

Attend to task/functions for periods up to 60 minutes in length and to attend to task/functions for periods exceeding 60 minutes in length.

Conceptualization

Understand and relate to specific ideas, concepts, and theories generated and simultaneously discussed.

Memory

Remember task/assignments over both short and long periods of time and recall theory and skills information in clinical and simulation situations throughout the program.

Critical Thinking

Apply the theory taught in lecture courses in simulations and clinicals. Ability must be sufficient for clinical judgment in patient care.

Interpersonal

Interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds; able to establish a rapport with patients, colleagues, faculty, and professional staff.

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 June 1, 2010 includes:

1. Murder
2. Capital murder
3. Manslaughter
4. Criminally negligent homicide
5. Unlawful restraint
6. Kidnapping
7. Aggravated kidnapping
8. Continuous sexual abuse of young child or children
9. Indecent exposure
10. Indecency with a child
11. Improper relationship between educator and student
12. Improper photography or visual recording
13. Sexual assault
14. Aggravated assault
15. Aggravated sexual assault
16. Intentional, knowing, or reckless injury to child, elderly individual, or disabled individual
17. Intentional, knowing, or reckless abandonment or endangerment of child
18. Deadly conduct
19. Terroristic threat
20. Aiding suicide
21. Prohibited sexual conduct (incest)
22. Agreement to abduct child from custody
23. Violation of certain orders in family violence case
24. Violation of protective order preventing hate crime
25. Sale or purchase of child
26. Arson
27. Robbery
28. Aggravated robbery
29. Burglary
30. Online solicitation of minor
31. Money laundering

32. Medicaid fraud
33. Cruelty to animals
34. Compelling prostitution
35. Causing sexual performance by a child
36. Possession or promotion of child pornography
37. Any other offense for which registration as a sex offender is required

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 punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or felony
2. Theft punishable as a felony
3. Misapplication of fiduciary property of financial institution punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or felony
4. Securing execution of a document by deception punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or felony (not tampering with government record)
5. False identification as peace officer
6. 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.

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Admissions Process

Apply to Temple College

- a. Submit an application. Application may be turned in to Admissions and Records or completed online at www.applytexas.org. You should choose Emergency Medical Services from the technical programs list as your MAJOR
1. Submit official copies of **all** transcripts to Admissions and Records
2. Submit proof of meningitis to Admissions and Records

Apply to the EMS 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 Department as soon as possible.
2. Complete the Application Form, Criminal History Form, Hepatitis B Forms, and Health Insurance Form,
2. Obtain and attach the following documents to your Application Form. **We will NOT accept incomplete applications.**
 - a. 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. (High School Seniors need to submit a letter stating that they are in their Senior Year of High School)
 - b. Verification of immunization against
 - i. Mumps, measles, rubella (2-doses of measles vaccine required)
 - ii. Tetanus, diphtheria (within 10-years)
 - iii. TB Skin test completed within the previous 6 months
 - iv. Varicella or proof of disease (chicken pox) (2-doses required unless the first dose was received prior to the age of 13)
 - v. Hepatitis B
 1. Must complete second shot by the stated dates in previous pages
 2. Must complete the entire series before the beginning of clinical rotations (three weeks after the first class day).
 - vi. Hepatitis A is not required, but it is recommended.
 - vii. Negative results from a tuberculosis skin test or chest x-ray performed within the last 6 months.
 - c. Influenza (before Spring Admittance, and Fall Admittance vaccine is not available till October)
 - d. Evidence of current AHA CPR Certification (BLS Provider)
3. Bring your completed application packet to the EMS Department or the East Williamson County Higher Education Center. Once we verify that all information is present, you will be eligible to enroll into courses.

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.

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. Acceptance into the program is on a first come first serve basis.

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

Main Campus

Health Science Center
350 Marvin Felder Blvd.
Temple, Texas 76504

Or

East Williamson County Higher Education Center

Hutto
1600 Innovation Blvd
Hutto, TX 78634

EMT Application

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Preferred Name
Social Security Number		Date of Birth	
Mailing Address			
City	State	ZIP	
Home Telephone (with area code)		Work Telephone (with area code)	
Cell Phone Number (with area code)		Email Address	
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.

Please initial each line as you complete the step

Have you:

_____ Reviewed the Functional Position Description?

_____ Applied to Temple College?

Have you attached the following documents to this application?

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

_____ Verification of immunization against: tetanus, diphtheria, influenza, mumps, measles, rubella, varicella and hepatitis B.

_____ Negative results of a tuberculosis skin test or chest x-ray performed within the last 6 months

_____ Copy of current **CPR Card (AHA BLS Provider)**

Incomplete applications will NOT be accepted.

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: _____

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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.

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: _____