

Patrick & Henry Community College

Emergency Medical Technician Certification Course & Career Studies Certificate (CSC) Pathway

On successful completion of this program of study, students will be able to sit for the NREMT Cognitive Certification Examination, as well as earn a Career Studies Certificate (CSC) in Health Technology -EMS from P&HCC. Students may also elect to just take the EMT course (EMS 111 & EMS 120) & not complete the CSC.

Start Here

- Application to P&HCC online: pick “Health Technology - EMS” for your program of study
https://www.apply.vccs.edu/Home/Sign_In/Logon.aspx
- Have all previous official high school/college transcripts sent to PHCC Registrar for evaluation (good idea to print out an unofficial copy for advisor use)
- Schedule phone or in-person appointment with EMS Program Director Ashley Smallwood for advising
asmallwood@patrickhenry.edu 276.656.5473

Pre-Requisites

- Graduated from high school or have a GED
- Minimum of 16 years of age
- Be eligible for certification as an EMS Provider in the Commonwealth of Virginia – see all regulations here:
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/education-certification/how-to-become-an-emergency-medical-services-provider-in-virginia/#emscert>
- If taking all the classes in the CSC, must show evidence of high school or college Biology AND Chemistry with a C or better, OR completion of the BIO 141 Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) with a C or better

Financial Aid

- **Fill out your P&HCC FAFSA as soon as possible!**
- **P&HCC Foundation Scholarship applications due each May**
- **VAOEMS EMS Scholarship available for application**

Approximate Cost

- Tuition based on in-state per credit hour: \$161.94
(<https://www.patrickhenry.edu/subpage.php?contentID=159>)
- Book: depends on classes taken
- Background Check: \$50-\$100
- Uniforms \$25-50
- Platinum Planner \$33 (minimum)
- EMS Testing \$52 (minimum)

P&HCC Health Technology-EMS Career Studies Pathway		
Course	Title	Credits
Fall		
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
BIO 141	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
HLT 105	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	1
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	3
	Total Credits:	12
Spring		
EMS 111	Emergency Medical Technician Basic	7
EMS 120	Emergency Medical Technician Basic Clinical (minimum 48 hours)	1
BIO 142	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
	Total Credits:	12
	Total Credits for CSC:	24

Physical Requirements

The student must be able to:

- verbally communicate in person, via telephone and telecommunications using the English language;
- hear spoken information from co-workers, patients, physicians and dispatchers and in sounds common to the emergency scene;
- ability to lift, carry, balance up to 125 pounds (250 with assistance);
- ability to interpret and respond to written, oral, and diagnostic form instructions;
- read road maps, drive vehicle, accurately discern street signs and address numbers;
- read medication/ prescription labels and directions for usage in quick, accurate, and expedient manner;
- communicate verbally with patients and significant others in diverse cultural and age groups to interview patient, family members, and bystanders;
- discern deviations/changes in eye/skin coloration due to patient's condition and to the treatment given;
- document, in writing, all relevant information in prescribed format in light of legal ramifications of such;
- perform with good manual dexterity all tasks related to advanced emergency patient care and documentation;
- bend, stoop, balance, and crawl on uneven terrain;
- withstand varied environmental conditions such as extreme heat, cold, and moisture.