

# Emergency Medical Technician

EMT-B at LWTC

## **EMT-B at LWTC: The Basics**

- **Classes are two evenings per week (6-10 pm) and several Saturdays (8:30 – 4:30)**
- **Total class time 165 hours**
- **16 hours of observation at hospitals required in addition to class time**
- **Tuition 08-09: \$649**
- **Supplies & Books: approximately \$315**

# What Does an EMT-B Do?

- **Assess patient needs**
- **Take vital signs**
- **Administer first aid & CPR**
- **Follow directions to emergency sites**
- **Work with other emergency responders**
- **Work days, nights and weekends**
- **Often deals with stressful situations or conflict**

# What LWTC's Course Covers

- **Infectious disease precautions**
- **Patient assessment**
- **How to check vital signs**
- **Care for "open chest wounds," broken bones and bleeding**
- **Spine immobilization techniques**
- **CPR skills and the use of an AED**
- **Procedure for emergency childbirth**

# Three Levels of EMT

- **EMT-B or Basic:**  
**110 – 165 hours of training**
- **EMT-Intermediate:**  
**35 – 55 hours of additional training**
- **EMT-Paramedic: Up to two years of additional training ending in Associate Degree**
- **Work experience required to move on from EMT-B**

**LWTC's program is EMT-B**

# Admission Requirements

- **CPR for Professional Rescuers or Healthcare Provider (IFAD 158)**
  - HIV certificate not required
- **Current Washington Driver's License**
- **HS Diploma or GED**
  - Must be 18 years old when classes begin
- **Current TB skin test and Hep B vaccination**
- **Background check required**
- **Students must pass a pre-test**

## **Other important considerations**

- **Students must be able to lift and carry patients in a safe manner**
- **Good English skills and communication skills important**
- **Good driving record needed for employment**

# Pre-Test Details

- **Given in Assessment center (W204) by appointment**
  - Paper and pencil, student provides Scantron sheet
  - \$15 fee
  - 30 minute time limit, 50 questions
- **Need 70% correct or better to pass**
- **Students may test once for each quarter they seek admission.**
  - Test results are good for one quarter only
  - No retests allowed in a single quarter

## More Pre-Test Details

- Prepare by reviewing First Responder texts or taking an advanced first aid class
  - American Red Cross Emergency Response course or handbook
  - Washington State First Responder course

For testing times and more details visit:

[http://lwtchost.ctc.edu/dept/assessment/Tests/emt\\_pretest/](http://lwtchost.ctc.edu/dept/assessment/Tests/emt_pretest/)

# How To Register

- After taking the pre-test and receiving a passing score:
  - Turn in a signed registration form to the Dean of Allied Health in E221
  - All requirements will be turned in to Karen Urick the first night of class
  - Complete the Background Check at [www.certifiedbackground.com](http://www.certifiedbackground.com)
    - \$60 fee
    - Use package code AH62 under "students"

# Steps to Employment

- Upon completion of the course the student takes the state certification exam.
- You must be employed by or volunteer for a qualified pre-hospital care agency before the Department of Health will issue the Emergency Medical Technician certificate.
- If you are not employed after 18 months you must take the state written exam again.
- If you are not employed after 36 months, you must take an EMT course over from the start.

- **30 students accepted each Fall, Winter and Spring quarter**
- **Guidance given on where to look for employment**
  - **Private ambulance companies are often a good place to start**
- **Entry-level wages: \$10.82/hr**
- **Average wages range between \$12.14 and \$30.06/hr**
- **Average or faster employment growth expected through 2014**

**More Questions?**

**Contact Advising:**  
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**425.739.8300**

**W207**

**LWTC Website:**  
**[www.lwtc.edu/emt](http://www.lwtc.edu/emt)**