



PROGRAM

ECC offers a program of study leading to an Associate of Applied Science degree and Certificate of Achievement in paramedic technology. Students in the program receive instruction in the recognition, treatment and transport of patients with medical emergencies and trauma.

To achieve licensure as a paramedic, students studying at ECC comply with U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines. These guidelines require that students first complete coursework leading to licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic prior to entering the paramedic technology certificate or degree program.

Courses combine classroom and laboratory activities with clinical experiences in an acute care setting. This provides the student with the opportunity to learn skills and techniques to be applied in the actual work setting. The program of study is accredited by the Missouri Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and prepares students for national licensure.



EMPLOYMENT & SALARY OPPORTUNITIES

By 2026, the number of positions is expected to increase by 15.1%, per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Earnings of EMTs and paramedics depend on the employment setting and geographic location of their jobs, as well as their training and experience. Mean annual earnings of EMTs and paramedics were \$34,500 in 2017 for the state of Missouri.



CAREER

People's lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics. Incidents as varied as automobile accidents, heart attacks, slips and falls, childbirth and gunshot wounds all require immediate medical attention.

EMTs and paramedics provide this vital service as they care for and transport the sick or injured to a medical facility.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To enter the program, students must have completed:

- **High school diploma or the equivalent**
(documentation must be sent to the registration office)
- **Application for admission**
- **A placement test as specified by the college**
(please note: some coursework requires minimum placement results)



TRANSFER OPTIONS

The AAS degree is designed for students seeking employment immediately upon graduation. However, many of the credits, particularly the general education electives received with this degree, may qualify as transfer credit by four-year schools.



The paramedic program of East Central College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

*The ECC Paramedic Technology Programs are accredited by the Missouri Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.
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