



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES



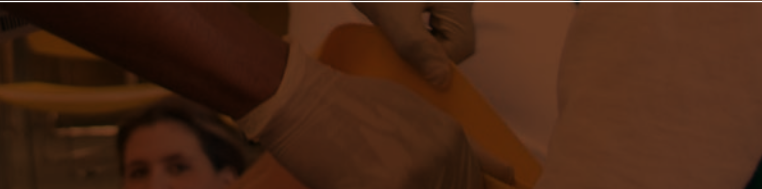
"The LMC Emergency Medical Services Program has a great reputation that is well-deserved. My instructors made learning fun while preparing me for an exciting career as an EMT."  
– Daniel Khalil, EMS alum



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**Do you find satisfaction in helping people?  
Do you enjoy being outside and working in teams?  
Does the idea of a "desk job" sound unappealing to you? Then a career in EMS may be for you!**

**Emergency Medical Services** offers courses that lead to an exciting career, such as becoming a state-certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). EMTs are skilled medical workers who respond by ambulance to medical emergencies. EMTs determine the nature and extent of the victim's injury or illness, and administer first-aid and emergency life support. Many EMTs go on to become paramedics and/or firefighters.

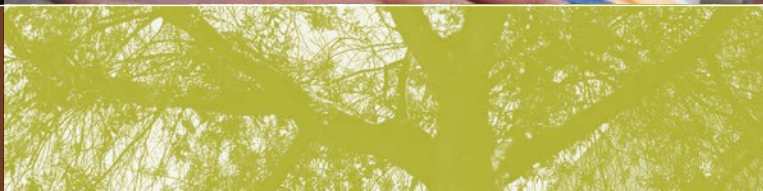
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### Why should I become certified as an EMT?

The **Emergency Medical Services** field offers many exciting and rewarding careers where you can make a difference in peoples' lives. In addition to a career as an emergency medical technician (EMT), becoming certified as an EMT can be a stepping-stone leading to many other career opportunities such as becoming a firefighter, emergency room technician or paramedic.

In the field of emergency medical services, job security is guaranteed. It is not a field that is affected by trends. There will always be injuries, illnesses and emergencies that require our services.

### What is an EMT?

An EMT is a basic life support provider. An EMT possesses basic emergency medical training and provides basic measures to treat and stabilize patients in the pre-hospital setting. Their skills base includes airway management/ oxygen therapy, CPR, bleeding control, spinal immobilization, splinting of extremities and shock management, among other skills.

### What is a paramedic?

A paramedic is an EMT-P, or advanced life support provider. Paramedics have all the training of an EMT, with an advanced scope of practice and a higher skill level. In addition to the basic skills of an EMT, a paramedic is also trained in advanced airway management, intravenous therapy (IV) and can administer medications. LMC does not offer a paramedic program, but there are local options available for this training.

### How long does it take to complete the EMS training?

The EMS training can be completed in a single, semester-length course. The course meets the State of California Department of Health standards for Emergency Medical Training 1A. Graduates are qualified to test for EMT-1 State Certification.

### What kind of salary can I expect?

The average salary for an EMT ranges between \$10 and \$30/hr, while an ER Tech's salary varies between \$18 to \$24/hr.

### Contact Info

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### Six reasons why I should take courses in EMS:

1. LMC's EMS training is one of the best in the East Bay.
2. Many employers provide preferential hiring for our graduates.
3. The EMS faculty assist graduating students with job placement.
4. You can prepare for EMT certification by taking one course in one semester.
5. Classes are offered in the day or the evening.
6. Every instructor in the EMS Program has real world experience as an EMT, paramedic, emergency room technician and/or firefighter.



We prepare our students both educationally and professionally for this field. There are very specific standards that this field requires, which we ensure our students can meet when they complete our program.