



**Health Sciences Division
Emergency Medical Services**

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in the Emergency Medical Services program at Gulf Coast State College. The Emergency Medical Services programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org), by the American Medical Association, and by the Florida Department of Health. Graduates of the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program are eligible to apply for the state and/or national board examinations.

The EMT is the beginning level on the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) ladder. EMTs receive training in basic life support measures, including patient assessment, cardiac arrest skills, oxygen therapy, shock prevention, bandaging, splinting, spinal immobilization, and vehicular extrication.

The Panama City campus offers a one-semester EMT program. It is offered in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. The application deadlines are June 1st for Fall; November 1st for Spring; and March 1st for Summer.

In Fall and Spring, the EMT courses are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6:30-9:15 p.m. CST. In the Summer, the EMT course is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. CST. The EMT course is 11-credit hours.

An Associate in Science Degree in Emergency Medical Services is also available. This option expands the EMT program to a full 73-credit hours and includes the general education courses.

We are grateful that you are considering Gulf Coast State College for your educational needs. If you have any questions, please call Craig Wise at (850) 913-3311 or 800-311-3685, ext. 3311.

Sincerely,

A. Scott Williams, B.S., REMT-P
Coordinator
EMS Programs

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EMT PROGRAM APPLICANT PROCEDURES

Applications must be complete with all numbered information below by **June 1st for Fall, November 1st for Spring, or March 1st for Summer**. Applicants will be considered after the deadline dates provided openings are still available in the class.

- _____ 1. **New students should apply for General Admission to GCSC and pay \$20 application fee online, at the Bookstore, or at the Business Office in person or by phone.** Applications are available in the Office of Admissions and online at www.gulfcoast.edu. (Failure to pay the application fee at the time of submission can result in your ineligibility for program consideration.)
- _____ 2. **Complete and submit the EMT Program application** included in this packet and submit it to the Health Sciences Division, attn: EMT Program, prior to the deadline.
- _____ 3. **Complete and submit the Narcotic/Mental Statement** included in this application packet and submit it with the EMT application to the Health Sciences Division, attn: EMT Program.
- _____ 4. **Provide a copy of your current valid Florida Driver's License** with the EMT application.
- _____ 5. **Provide High School and all College transcripts to the Admissions Office.** Applicant must request **official** transcripts from high school or GED (with scores), and **all** colleges attended. These are to be sent to the **GCSC Admissions Office** by the application deadline.

Note: Official transcripts are those sent directly *from* other institutions attended *to* the Admissions Office at GCSC. Transcripts mailed by you, or hand-delivered by you, are **not** considered official transcripts.

- _____ 6. **Transfer transcripts must be evaluated.** All college credits granted by another institution must be evaluated by GCSC Admissions Office prior to the admission deadline.
- _____ 7. **Take the Florida entry-level tests, either the College Placement Tests (CPT-Accuplacer) or Postsecondary Education Readiness Tests (PERT).**

Students applying for the EMT program **must** take the placement tests and achieve the minimum scores indicated below. These tests must be taken regardless of academic background or prior degrees. Completion of college courses will **not** be substituted.

**Minimum testing scores: Reading CPT 71, or PERT 90
English CPT 68, or PERT Writing 85
Arithmetic CPT 42, or Algebra CPT 72, or PERT Math 59**

CPT and PERT tests are given in the Admissions Annex, Room 129. Contact the Testing Office at 769-1551 ext. 3533 for additional information. A study guide for the test is available in the GCSC Bookstore, or contact the Bookstore staff at 769-1551 ext. 2814 for pricing and availability.

****** Upon Conditional Acceptance into the EMT Program, the following will be required.**

- a. **Satisfactory fingerprint/criminal background check** at student's expense - **must** be done through GCSC. (Background check results from the GCSC Fire College cannot be accepted.)
- b. **Medical Examination and Immunizations Form** with satisfactory results signed by a physician
- c. **Current TB Skin Test or TB blood test**, or Declination form with current chest x-ray report
- d. **Copy of current valid CPR certification.** Acceptable cards are American Heart Association Healthcare Provider, or American Red Cross Professional Rescuer, or American Safety Health Institute CPR-Pro.
- e. Student must be at least **eighteen years of age** prior to the EMT program start date.

It is the Applicant's responsibility to make sure their application folder is complete prior to the deadline.

The EMS Coordinator will review applications in June for Fall semester, in November for Spring semester, and in March for Summer semester classes. **Applications must be complete with all of the previous numbered information before these designated months.** Applicants will be considered after the deadline dates provided openings are still available in the class. It should be understood that the satisfaction of the minimum requirements does not automatically guarantee admission into the EMT program.

If you have any questions regarding the EMT program, please contact:

Mr. Craig Wise at (850) 913-3311 or 800-311-3685 ext. 3311 or
Mr. Scott Williams (850) 769-1551 ext. 6103 or 800-311-3685 ext. 6103
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Health Sciences - EMT Program
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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Gulf Coast State College (GCSC) students who are granted conditional acceptance into a Health Sciences program must receive a satisfactory criminal background check prior to final acceptance into the program. The background check will be scheduled and performed at the discretion of the Health Sciences Division at GCSC. Criminal background checks performed through other agencies will not be accepted. The student must also be aware that clinical agencies may require an additional background check prior to clinical access. It is possible to graduate from a program at GCSC but be denied the opportunity for licensure because of an unfavorable background check. An applicant must consider how his / her personal history may affect the ability to meet clinical requirements, sit for various licensure exams, and ultimately gain employment. Most healthcare boards in the State of Florida make decisions about licensure on an individual basis. You may visit the Florida Department of Health website at www.doh.state.fl.us for more information regarding licensure. We offer this information so that you can make an informed decision regarding your future.

Please read the following information carefully:

Any student who has been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere, or guilty to, any offense under the provision of 456.0635 (see below) may be **disqualified** from admission to any Health Sciences program. In addition to these specific convictions, there are other crimes which may disqualify applicants from entering into the Health Sciences programs and / or clinical rotations.

456.0635 (2) Medicaid fraud; disqualification for license, certificate, or registration

Each board within the jurisdiction of the department, or the department if there is no board, shall refuse to admit a candidate to any examination and refuse to issue or renew a license, certificate, or registration to any applicant if the candidate or applicant or any principal, officer, agent, managing employee, or affiliated person of the applicant, has been:

- (a) Convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under chapter 409, chapter 817, chapter 893, 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970, or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396, unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or pleas ended more than 15 years prior to the date of the application;
- (b) Terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid program pursuant to s. 409.913, unless the applicant has been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years;
- (c) Terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state or Federal Government, from any other state Medicaid program or the federal Medicare program, unless the applicant has been in good standing with a state Medicaid program or the federal Medicare program for the most recent 5 years and the termination occurred at least 20 years prior to the date of the application.

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NARCOTIC / MENTAL STATEMENT

I, _____ proclaim that I am free from addiction to any narcotics or controlled substance. I am free of any physical or mental defect or disease that might impair my ability to function as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). In compliance with clinical requirements, I understand that I may be subject to drug screening.

Signature

Date

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR PAST

Applicants to the EMT Program in the Health Sciences Division of Gulf Coast State College work very hard to meet the entry requirements for selection. Our program makes every effort to accept as many academically qualified students as possible. However, in addition to meeting basic entry requirements, applicants must also consider how their personal history may affect their ability to meet clinical requirements, sit for various licensure exams, and ultimately gain employment.

Some of our Health Sciences programs will require students to visit certain clinical sites that may require background checks in order for students to work with their patients. Students who cannot produce a favorable background check may not be able to meet their program's clinical obligations, which would jeopardize their ability to successfully complete that program.

Students who graduate from the EMT Program must also pass licensure exams in order to be employable. The various entities that provide testing and licenses for health professionals oftentimes require background checks prior to sitting for the exams and applying for licensure. It is possible to successfully graduate from a Health Sciences program, but be denied the opportunity for licensure because of an unfavorable background check.

Employers of licensed health professionals can also have a variety of requirements that must be met prior to granting employment. These can include background checks of varying depths and drug screenings. It is possible to graduate from a Health Sciences program and obtain a health professional license, but be denied some employment options due to an unfavorable background check or drug screen. In compliance with clinical requirements, I understand that I may be subject to drug screening.

We offer this information so that you can make an informed decision when applying to one of our Health Sciences programs.