

**Southside Virginia Emergency Crew
Emergency Medical Technician Academy**

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Course Description

The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification program is designed to train an individual to function independently in a medical emergency. This course provides the basic knowledge and skills needed to deliver Basic Life Support (BLS) care and is required to progress to more advanced levels of prehospital patient care.

The course requires a minimum of 144 hours of classroom and completion of the field training evaluation program. Virginia certification requires successful completion of a standardized cognitive and psychomotor skills examination. This course is designed to train individuals to serve as a vital link in the chain of the health care team. This includes all skills necessary to provide emergency medical care as an attendant-in-charge with a basic life support ambulance service or other specialized rescue service.

Upon successfully completion of the training program, the student will be capable of performing the following functions:

- (1) Recognize the nature and seriousness of the patient's condition or extent of injury to assess requirements for emergency care.
- (2) Administer appropriate emergency care to stabilize the patient's condition.
- (3) Lift, move, position and otherwise handle the patient in a way as to minimize discomfort and further injury.

The EMT training program is based upon the Virginia EMS Education Standards derived from the USDOT National EMS Education Standards.

Prerequisites

Eligibility to attend an Emergency Medical Responder/First Responder, Emergency Medical Responder/First Responder Bridge, or an Emergency Medical Technician course in Virginia requires that you must:

- (1) Be proficient in reading, writing and speaking the English language.
- (2) Be a minimum of 16 years of age at the beginning date of the certification course. If less than 18 years of age, you must provide the course coordinator with a completed parental permission form with the signature of a parent or guardian verifying approval for enrollment in the course.
- (3) Have no physical or mental impairment that would render them unable to perform all cognitive and psychomotor skills required for that level of certification.
- (4) Hold current certification in an Office of Emergency Medical Services [approved Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation \(CPR\)](#) course at the beginning date of the course. This certification must also be current at the time of state testing.

(5) Not have been convicted of or found guilty of any crime, offense or regulatory violation, or participated in any other prohibited conduct identified in state EMS regulations as follows:

(A) Have never been convicted or found guilty of any crime involving sexual misconduct where lack of affirmative consent by the victim is an element of the crime.

(B) Have never been convicted of a felony involving the sexual or physical abuse of children, the elderly or the infirm.

(C) Have never been convicted or found guilty of any crime (including abuse, neglect, theft from, or financial exploration) of a person entrusted to their care or protection in which the victim is a patient or is a resident of a health care facility.

(D) Have never been convicted or found guilty of any crime involving the use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs except that the person is eligible for affiliation or enrollment five years after the date of final release if no additional crimes of this type have been committed during that time.

(E) Have never been convicted or found guilty of any other act that is a felony except that the felon is eligible for affiliation or enrollment five years after the date of final release if no additional felonies have been committed during that time.

(F) Are not currently under any disciplinary or enforcement action from another state EMS office or other recognized state or national healthcare provider licensing or certifying body. Personnel subject to these disciplinary or enforcement actions may be eligible for certification provided there have been no further disciplinary or enforcement actions for five years prior to application for certification in Virginia.

(G) Have never been subject to a permanent revocation of license or certification by another state EMS office or recognized state or national healthcare provider licensing or certifying body.

(6) All references to criminal acts or convictions under this section refer to substantially similar laws or regulations of any other state or the United States. Convictions include prior adult convictions, juvenile convictions, and adjudications of delinquency based on an offense that would have been, at the time of conviction, a felony conviction if committed by an adult within or outside Virginia.

(7) Be clean and neat in appearance.

(8) May not be under the influence of any drugs or intoxicating substances that impairs your ability to provide patient care or operate a motor vehicle while in class or performing clinicals, while on duty or when responding or assisting in the care of a patient.

Course Text:

Pollak, A., M.D., FAAOS. *Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured 10th Edition*. Sudbury, MA, 2011.

Additional References: Journal of Emergency Medical Services

Attendance Policy: Regular class attendance is expected. The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services requires greater than 85% attendance of all class meetings. (Extended absences should be discussed in advance with the instructor.) Three (3) tardies will be counted as an absence. Leaving class early will also be counted as an absence. Maintaining communication with the instructor via email is a must when absences occur.

Dress and Appearance:

Uniform:

- Collared Uniform Shirt Provided
- Black Belt – Self Pay
- Navy EMS Pants – Self Pay
- Black Shoes – Self Pay
- Black Socks

Personal Appearance:

- Men should keep their hair tapered to the general shape of the head, not reaching below the collar.
- Men must be clean shaven
- Women shall keep hair managed with a clip or tie.
- Earrings should be kept to a maximum of two per lobe, dangling earrings or large hoops shall not be worn.
- Piercing to the tongue, eyebrows, or nose shall be removed
- Tattoos should be in a discrete area of the body
- Cologne/perfume shall not be worn while on duty

Evaluation...

Practical Exam 25%

Written Tests (must pass each with a 70% and maintain a test average of 80%) 50%

Final Exam 25%

Grading Scale:

100 - 90	A
89 -80	B
79 - 70	C
69 - 60	D
59 -----	F

Academic Honesty

At SVEC we expect the highest standards of academic honesty. Violations of academic honesty including seeking or giving unauthorized help on examinations will result in immediate dismissal from the class and from SVEC.

Cellular Phones and Electronic Devices

Cell phones and all other electronic devices shall be turned left in your vehicle. No smart phones, Ipods, Droids, or lab tops will be allowed in the classroom before entering classrooms. Use of such devices during class will result in dismissal from the class.