

# Emergency Medical Technician Program

## Western Technical College

### Supplemental Information

- **Course Sequence and Delivery.** The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course is 180 hours, consisting of lecture, lab, and clinical and field experience. The State of Wisconsin requires 100% attendance in the EMT course, and it is mandatory to attend the first day of class.
- **Clinical and Field Experience.** A total of ten patient contacts are required by the end of the course. Although there is a patient contact minimum to the clinical and field component, students must meet the State of Wisconsin minimum competencies for each skill and assessment. If a student has not met the required competencies in their ten patient contacts of clinical/field experience, he/she will have to perform additional clinical and field experience until the competencies are met.

**COVID vaccinations.** COVID-19 vaccination is not required to attend classes at Western Technical College, however your clinical site now requires proof of completion of COVID-19 vaccination to attend their sites. To prevent any interruption in your clinical classes, we are now requiring you to provide us with your COVID-19 vaccination proof to enter this program.

- **Training Permit/Background Check.** After the EMT course starts, you will be required to apply for an EMT Training Permit. Students must be 17 years of age or older to apply for a training permit. If you have a positive background check, you will be required to obtain official court documentation from the court(s) where the charges originated, as well as a driving record abstract from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and/or your state of residence if you have a driving record. You will upload this information electronically and submit with your training permit application.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services EMS section will review each application and determine if the individual is eligible for an EMT Training Permit. In the event you are not issued a training permit from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services EMS section, you will not be eligible to continue in the program. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services EMS section will not process applications prior to the start of class.

- **Course Completion.** Upon course completion, the student will become eligible to take the EMT National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) written and practical examinations. Upon successful completion of this exam, the student will then need to apply for state licensure.
  - **ATTENTION MINOR (17 year old) CANDIDATES:** Candidates who are 17 years old are eligible to participate in both the written and practical examinations. Candidates successfully completing the practical examination will have their results held by the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) office until they are 18 years old (maximum of one (1) year). Candidates taking the written examination will register for an Assessment exam (“Assessment – EMT”) and pay the NREMT application and examination fee. Candidates successfully completing the written examination will have their results held by the NREMT until they are 18 years old (maximum of one (1) year). There is a specific process to follow, along with additional fees to pay in order to obtain the National Registry results when the candidate turns 18 years of age. This information will be provided by the lead instructor, on a case by case basis.
- **Additional Costs.** Each student will be responsible for supplying the following:
  - Uniform as required by Western Technical College for clinical and field experience

- Transportation costs incurred for travel to clinical sites
  - National Registry Written Exam (\$98.00 – subject to change)
  - Wisconsin Practical Exam Testing Fee (\$150.00 – subject to change)
- **Body Art and Piercings.** In the Health & Public Safety Division, a student may display no body art or piercing that might be considered offensive. Most employment settings have policies that are generally broad; however, they do reserve the right to deny employment and student clinical/practicum/fieldwork placement if body art or piercings are found to be offensive to those in that setting.
    - The wearing and displaying of jewelry in the health care or public safety setting is generally limited to wrist watches and wedding rings or small non-dangling earrings. The purpose of this limitation is related to infection control, safety and public perception of the employees while they are on duty.
    - If a Western student has significant visible body art and/or piercings, we are unable to guarantee that the student will be able to be placed for the multiple clinical/practicum/fieldwork experiences that most programs require. You may be asked to cover the body art with clothing or dressings or remove the piercings in order to complete your rotation. If your program has a more restrictive policy on body art or piercings, it will be enforced. It is your decision whether or not to enter the program based on the uncertainty of being accepted at those sites.
  - **Program Faculty.** If you have specific questions about the program or your particular situation, please contact the EMS program faculty directly.

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**My signature below** signifies that I have read and understand the supplemental information regarding the EMT program presented above. I understand that these are important highlights and that I will receive more information at my program orientation and during my course of study. I am also aware that this information is subject to change at any time.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Enrollment Advisor/Counselor Signature

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Date