Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program

FAQ

1. What are the requirements for the program?
   a. Students must provide official accredited high school or GED transcripts, proving completion in accordance with National University undergraduate admissions policy.
   b. Students must be 18 prior to completion of the EMT certificate program.
   c. Students must be CPR certified within the first week of the program at the BLS for Healthcare Provider level. The following options are eligible:
      i. American Heart Association (AHA) BLS for Healthcare Providers, or
      ii. American Red Cross Professional Rescuers & Healthcare Providers, or
      iii. Military Training Network Healthcare Provider CPR

*National University offers a BLS for Healthcare Provider class during regular classroom hours within the first week of class at each campus. An additional fee applies for this class, however this adds the convenience to not go outside of the program to obtain CPR certification.

This certification must be renewed every 2 years and must be current upon enrollment in the program. Certification cannot expire during the program.

2. Does your program require a certain minimum GPA to attend?
   a. No. As long as you meet the eligibility requirements stated in question #1, you are eligible.

3. How long is the program and how many hours of instruction will be completed?
   a. Depending on the campus and time of day, our program is either 8 or 12 weeks in length.

   192 Total Hours of Instruction
   168 hours - classroom instruction
   24 hours - ambulance ride-a-long internship

4. Is the program approved by the state?
   a. This program meets the requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation National EMS Education Standards (NEMSES) and California State Regulations, Title 22.

5. Will I be able to take the NREMT-B written exam after I have completed the program? What is the process for completing the NREMT-B skills portion of the exam?
   a. Yes. Upon successful completion of the certificate program, the graduate is eligible to complete the NREMT-Basic written exam. Successfully passing the NREMT-B written exam
will allow the graduate to apply for their state and county Emergency Medical Technician licenses and perform entry-level EMT skills as a member of a technical rescue team/squad or as part of an allied service such as a fire or police department. EMT licenses are issued by county/local Emergency Medical Services Authorities. The skills portion of the NREMT-B exam will be completed during the last week of class, there is no extra fee for the NREMT-B skills testing.

6. Will I receive academic credit or continuing education units?
   a. Upon completion of the EMT Certificate program, each student will receive 6 quarter units of academic credit from National University.

7. What is the tuition and what does it include?
   a. Tuition is $1467.00 total (there are two classes required to complete the EMT Certificate program, and each costs $733.50.)
   b. Tuition includes: e-textbook, MyBradyLab access, EMSTesting.com access, uniform shirts, and NREMT-B skills testing.

8. When is tuition due, and are there payment plans?
   a. There are no payment plans, tuition is due on the first day of each of the two courses ($733.50 per course). Some banks offer private student loans.

9. Do you accept financial aid (FAFSA) for this program?
   a. No. This program does not qualify for FAFSA financial aid.

10. What are the extra fees, for items not covered in the tuition?
    a. Application fee $60 (military students receive app waiver)
    b. Uniform (pants, boots, watch, & belt) $60 (estimated cost)
    c. NREMT-B written exam $80

11. Do I have to pay for ambulance ride-a-longs?
    a. There are no fees for ride-a-longs. However, the EMS agencies may require a background check or proof of immunizations.

12. What is the price of the textbook and course materials?
    a. The e-textbook is included within the cost of your tuition, no additional books are needed. If a student would like to purchase a hard copy book, the course textbook for the EMT Program is the 13th edition of “Emergency Care” by Daniel Limmer and Michael F. O’Keefe. A limited number of classroom copies are available at most locations.

13. Do you accept military benefits?
    a. No. The EMT Program does not accept military funding, however there are discounts available for veterans and active military personal.

14. Where can I get the uniform for the program?
    a. Only uniform shirts are provided to students free of charge. Students are required to purchase pants, boots, watch, and belt.

15. When is the next start date?
    a. Contact the Division of Extended Learning at (858) 642-8600 for more information about upcoming start dates at each of our four campuses.
16. Do you offer campus tours or open house events?
   a. Each campus offers an open house event 2-3 times per year, onsite and online. All attendees of open houses will have their $60 application fee waived.
   b. Campus tours can be scheduled at any of the campuses.