Greenville Technical College has offered an associate degree in paramedic training for more than 25 years. This level of training can give you an edge over other job applicants, help you earn a higher salary, and help you advance on the job faster.

The program offers two levels of training — EMT and Paramedic. You can enter the program at the level you need and exit at the level you choose. The EMT program covers the fundamentals of medical care — airway management, oxygen administration, CPR, patient assessment, pharmacology, medical emergencies, trauma care and shock management, childbirth, patient handling, extrications and more.

Paramedic students cover pharmacology for advanced-level and critical care settings, ECG interpretation, cardiac and respiratory emergencies, medical and traumatic conditions, IV therapy, shock management, pediatrics, operations and much more.

Labs are an important part of the EMT curriculum and cover a wide range of emergency situations. By the end of your first semester, you’ll be out on an ambulance responding to real emergencies with experienced paramedics. During this internship experience you will assist with basic and advanced skills that you have mastered in the classroom/laboratory setting and apply them to real patients enabling you to function as a member of a highly trained team.

You’ll complete 270 hours at local hospitals working with patients under the supervision of a clinical instructor with extensive experience in emergency medical care and nursing. You’ll gain further real-world experience with the local EMS services by completing a minimum of 360 hours of field internship.

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Program Options
- Emergency Medical Technology Associate Degree
- Emergency Medical Technician Certificate
- Paramedic to RN Track
There's now an option to become an integral part of emergency services in your area through our Firefighter/EMT Cadet program. This training opportunity takes place twice a year during the fall and spring semesters and will allow the opportunity to test for certification as Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 and EMT. This will prepare the graduate of each cadet program for employment with most state fire departments and emergency medical services agencies, as well as a more favorable prospect for employment nationally.

The paramedic training program at Greenville Technical College is one of the few paramedic training sites in the country with its own Human Patient Simulator (HPS) mannequins. Students also have access to GTC's Simulation Technology and Training (STAT) Center, which houses a multitude of human simulators in an extensive range of emergency scenarios. Any skill taught can be performed on one of the simulators, with instant feedback from audio/visual systems response. The simulators react to treatments much as a human would, enabling students to experience many of the situations they may encounter in the field.

In addition, the program features realistic replication of an emergency vehicle, offering an experience complete with equipment, road noises and jostling. The model has a custom hydraulic system that creates artificial road hazards and movement like a moving ambulance. A monitor is mounted inside of the unit, and can be viewed from outside, so that instructors critique what students are doing during exercises. The real-world aspects of getting equipment off the vehicle, treating a mannequin that replicates human physiology, and then transferring care to the replicated emergency room in our teaching facility means fewer mistakes while on a real call. Students also have increased confidence in their own skills due to experience which helps them make the transition from the classroom to career. This combination of classroom instruction, lab and clinical experiences and opportunity for service results in paramedic graduates fully prepared for the workplace.

How do I get started?

To learn more about GTC's EMT programs, please visit our web page at gvltec.edu/emt and check the schedule to make your reservation for an upcoming open house event.

Location

Greenville Technical College's Emergency Medical Technology Department is located on the college's Barton Campus on South Pleasantburg Drive. Classes are available during the day and evenings. Many required general education courses are offered online.

What you'll learn

• Anatomy and physiology
• EMS operations
• Medical and trauma care
• Pharmacology
• ECG interpretation
• And so much more

Employment Prospects

Working as an EMT isn't for everyone. The job can be strenuous and very stressful with irregular hours. However, for someone who appreciates a challenge and enjoys the unexpected, becoming an EMT can be a very rewarding profession. EMTs and paramedics who have advanced education and certifications should enjoy the most favorable job prospects, as clients and patients demand higher levels of care before arriving at the hospital.

Career Talk

In order to be accepted into any of Greenville Technical College's Health and Wellness Division programs, each applicant must complete a Career Talk session. These online sessions provide a broad overview of the health programs offered at the college, with details about the admission requirements for the particular chosen academic program. Completion of this step is required so that there is an understanding of what is expected in order to successfully complete the program. The EMT/Paramedic program also holds quarterly open house events so that students considering enrolling can tour our facility and speak one-on-one with faculty about education and career goals.

Visit www.gvltec.edu/gainful-employment for important information about the educational debt, earnings, and graduation rates of students who attended this program.