

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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EMT-1/Basic certification is required to work for an ambulance service or in an emergency department and may be required for lifeguards, ski patrol, and firefighters. The EMT-1/Basic provides the care necessary to preserve life and to prevent disability among the acutely ill and the seriously injured and assist and communicate with other healthcare providers with a higher scope of practice.

The EMT-1 must have basic knowledge of anatomy and physiology, medical terminology and sterile techniques. The course of study emphasizes treating traumatic injuries and medical emergencies, as well as treating minor disorders and emotional problems. Specialized areas include obstetrical and pediatric emergencies and extricating entrapped persons. Special emphasis is placed on proper patient moving techniques and transport to definitive and appropriate medical care.

Successful completion of the EMT-1 course qualifies the student to sit for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians' certifying examination, and therefore obtain EMT Basic certification in any California County.

## Program Outcome

The graduate of the Emergency Medical Services program will be prepared for entry-level employment as a professional and competent Emergency Medical Technologist and meet the needs of the local health care community. The EMT-1/Basic course is a prerequisite for paramedic training. Job opportunities are excellent.

EMTs Occupational Outlook Handbook - Bureau of Labor Statistics  
(<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/emts-and-paramedics.htm>)

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- Emergency Medical Services, Certificate of Specialization (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/pathways/careers-healthcare/emergency-medical-services/emergency-medical-services-certificate-specialization/>)