The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program is designed to prepare individuals to render prehospital Basic Life Support (BLS) care at the scene of an emergency and during transport of the sick and injured. Instruction will cover the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (attitude) aspects of prehospital Emergency Medical Services (EMS), with the goal of developing proficient and compassionate emergency healthcare professionals who conduct themselves with integrity and humility.

Students must take EMT 207 and EMT 207C concurrently, and successfully complete each course in order to take the National Registry EMT (NREMT) written examination, which is necessary to become certified as an EMT. EMT 207 is a fundamental theory course in prehospital emergency medical care that consists of lectures and skills training in a classroom at the College. EMT 207C consists of four 8-hour clinical observation shifts: Two ride-along shifts with an ambulance company, and two shifts in a local hospital emergency department.

Requirements:

- **CPR CARD** – You must have in your possession a valid American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider (HCP) card on the first day of class and show it to the instructor. No other cards from any other classes or organizations will be accepted. Students who show up on the first day of class without the required AHA BLS HCP card will be dropped.

- **PHYSICAL EXAM & BACKGROUND CHECK** – You must have a physical examination and background check completed within the first 2-3 weeks of class (see class schedule for specific deadline). The EMT course information packet—which includes the Precourse Instructions and forms for the physical exam and background check—should be picked up in the HSHS Division Office as soon as you are registered so that you can begin the process as soon as possible. Students who do not complete their physical exam and background check by the deadline will be dropped.

Pre-Course Preparation:

The EMT program is highly intensive and covers a large amount of information in a short time frame. In order to be successful, students should have relatively strong reading comprehension, study, and test taking skills (multiple choice tests), and/or have at least a general familiarity with basic medical concepts regarding anatomy, physiology, and medical terminology. If you are not a strong student with regard to reading comprehension, studying, and taking multiple choice tests, we strongly recommend that you take a basic anatomy/physiology (e.g., BIO 113) and/or medical terminology (e.g., HSC 201) course before beginning the EMT program.

Certification & Employment:

Upon successful completion of EMT 207/207C, and after passing the NREMT written examination, the student will be eligible for certification as an EMT. Further details regarding certification will be explained in class, and you may also refer to the FAQs web pages of the OC EMS Agency and California EMS Authority (see below). Employment opportunities are available with ambulance companies, in hospitals, and with other organizations such as ski patrol, lifeguards, and special event EMT staffing companies.

**Estimated Cost – $850.00**

| $540.50  | Tuition ($46 per unit x 11.75 units) |
| $63.00   | Materials Fee                       |
| ~$200.00 | Books                              |
| ~$50.00  | Uniform                            |

**EMT Information Resources:**

- OC EMS Agency → http://healthdisasteroc.org/ems/faqs
- CA EMS Authority → http://www.emsa.ca.gov/EMT
- National Registry → http://nremt.org/