



Becoming an Emergency Medical Technician

What does an Emergency Medical Technician do?

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) provide out of hospital emergency medical care and respond to both emergent requests for medical care and non-emergent medical transportation requests. EMTs assess and triage emergent requests and perform interventions with basic equipment that can typically be found on an ambulance. EMTs have the knowledge and skills necessary to stabilize patients while enroute to health care facilities and can perform skills such as medication administration, trauma care and cardiac care at an entry level. EMTs may work in a variety of settings beyond the ambulance setting typically depicted including hospitals, nursing homes, industrial sites, community settings, sports arenas and others.

What is the job outlook for Emergency Medical Technicians?

Emergency Medical Technicians are a vital part of Indiana's emergency response system and the need for EMTs across the country is expected to grow by an estimated 7%, which is higher than the estimated growth for all occupations aggregated. EMTs are necessary in both rural and metropolitan areas. An EMT certification also allows for advancement into other EMS roles such as a paramedic or transitions into other non-EMS healthcare roles.

What training is required?

Emergency Medical Technicians must be enrolled in an approved training program. This training program should provide 160 hours of initial training which must include 24 hours of "ride time" or time on an ambulance responding to calls. Students will perform patient assessments in both an ambulance and a hospital. After this training is completed, EMTs must take a psychomotor (skills) test which is administered at various locations across the state. Students must also register and pass a cognitive (knowledge) exam administered by NREMT. Once an EMT is certified, they are required to complete 40 hours of continuing education credits and a skills verification every 2 years. EMTs are not required to re-certify at a national level, only at a state level.

The cost of this training is dependent on the program you choose to enroll in. Some schools offer programs that run for \$1,500 and can be completed in about 4 months. The Next Level Jobs Workforce Ready Grant will cover the costs of the EMT training program via Ivy Tech Community College for qualified students.

Where do I get started?

Contact the Indiana Department of Homeland Security at emscertifications@dhs.in.gov to learn more about available training in your area!

Job Growth

7% per year

Training Requirement

160 hours:

**Includes 16 hours of ride time,
psychomotor & cognitive test,
40 hours of continuing education
every two years**

Average Salary

**\$35,650
in Indiana**

Other Requirements

**be 18+
no highschool diploma required**

Cost of Training

**\$1,500
With possible financial aid for
qualified students**

Get Started

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Sources:

National EMS Scope of Practice Model https://www.ems.gov/assets/National_EMS_Scope_of_Practice_Model_2019.pdf

Indiana Emergency Medical Services Commission Levels of EMS Personnel Certification <https://www.in.gov/dhs/files/Indiana-EMS-Commission-Levels-of-EMS-Personnel-Certification6-2019-c.pdf>

EMT Certification Courses: How to Become an EMT in Indiana. <https://nextleveljobs.org/workforce-ready-grant/emt-certification/#:~:text=To%20get%20EMT%20certification%20in,material%20you%20learned%20in%20class>