

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Emergency Medical Services prepares students for a State certification in Emergency Medical Services. This course is designed for persons desiring to perform emergency medical care. Students will learn to recognize the seriousness of a patient's condition, use the appropriate emergency care techniques and equipment to stabilize the patient, and transport them to the hospital.

This course also addresses the handling of victims of hazardous materials accidents. It covers theories, techniques, and operational aspects of pre-hospital emergency care with the scope and responsibility of the basic emergency medical technician. It requires laboratory practice and clinical observation in a hospital emergency room and ambulance. Participation in HOSA affords the student the opportunity to compete in a variety of competitive events, specifically CPR/First Aid and EMT, at both the state and national level.

- DOE Code: 5210
- Recommended Grade Level: Grade 12
- Recommended Prerequisites: Health Science Education I
- Credits: 2-3 credits per semester, maximum of 6 credits
- Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for the General, Core 40, Core 40 with Academic Honors and Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas
- Dual Credits:
 - IVY Tech:
 - PSAF120: First Responder
 - PARM 102: Emergency Medical Technician Basic Training
 - Vincennes:
 - EMTB 212: EMT Basic

Dual Credit

This course provides the opportunity for dual credit for students who meet postsecondary requirements for earning dual credit and successfully complete the dual credit requirements of this course.

Application of Content and Multiple Hour Offerings

Intensive laboratory applications are a component of this course and may be either school based or work based or a combination of the two. Work-based learning experiences should be in a closely related industry setting. Instructors shall have a standards-based training plan for students participating in work-based learning experiences. When a course is offered for multiple hours per semester, the amount of laboratory application or work-based learning needs to be increased proportionally.

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs)

Career and Technical Student Organizations are considered a powerful instructional tool when integrated into Career and Technical Education programs. They enhance the knowledge and skills students learn in a course by allowing a student to participate in a unique program of career and leadership development. Students should be encouraged to participate in SkillsUSA, the CTSO for this area.

Content Standards

Domain – Preparation for EMT

Core Standard 1 Students apply and adapt essential emergency procedures in a variety of settings to ensure patient safety.

Standards

- EMS-1.1 Connect Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and know the roles, responsibilities and characteristics of the EMT-Basic
- EMS-1.2 Connect the reactions EMT-Basic and family may experience when facing trauma, illness and death and ways to recognize and protect oneself
- EMS-1.3 Analyze the EMT scope of practice in dealing with DNR (do not resuscitate), expressed and implied consent, duty to act, confidentiality, and other related issues
- EMS-1.4 Verify topographic terms such as medial, lateral, proximal, distal, superior, inferior, anterior, posterior, midline, right and left, mid-clavicular, bilateral, mid-axillary and know anatomy and function of the following major body systems: respiratory, circulatory, musculoskeletal, nervous and endocrine
- EMS-1.5 Verify the components of vital signs such as breathing, pulse rate, skin color, temperature, pupils, blood pressure and other vital signs
- EMS-1.6 Evaluate the guidelines and safety precautions that need to be followed when lifting a patient and various patient carrying devices
- EMS-1.7 Evaluate the components of vital signs such as breathing, pulse rate, skin color, temperature, pupils, blood pressure and other vital signs

Domain – Respiratory Systems and Airways

Core Standard 2 Students evaluate a variety of breathing patterns and methods to determine ways to improve ventilation to a patient.

Standards

- EMS-2.1 Establish the major structures of the respiratory system, signs of adequate and inadequate breathing, and multiple methods and techniques of improving breathing and ventilation
- EMS-2.2 Select the following techniques including head-tilt chin lift, jaw thrust, suctioning, using a pocket mask and the bag-valve mask system, and a flow restricted, oxygen-powered ventilation device
- EMS-2.3 Recommend the steps in performing the actions taken when providing mouth-to-mouth and mouth-to-stoma artificial ventilation
- EMS-2.4 Verify how to measure and insert an oropharyngeal (oral) and nasopharyngeal (nasal) airway and the components of an oxygen deliver system
- EMS-2.5 Choose a nonrebreather facemask and state the oxygen flow requirements needed for its use and indications for using a nasal cannula versus a nonrebreather facemask
- EMS-2.6 Establish the rationale for basic life support artificial ventilation and airway protective skills taking priority over most other basic life support skills

Domain – Patient Assessment

Core Standard 3 Students analyze communication strategies to inform a patient of assessment results from trauma.

Standards

- EMS-3.1 Evaluate common hazards found at the scene of a trauma and a medical patient and how to evaluate the scene for safety and potential hazards
- EMS-3.2 Integrate how to perform an initial assessment of an adult, child or infant patient

- EMS-3.3 Verify the methods and rationale of conducting a rapid trauma assessment and a focused history and physical exam
- EMS-3.4 Diagnose individuals with specific chief complaints with known and not known prior history, unresponsive patients, and patients with an altered mental status
- EMS-3.5 Verify the areas of the body that are evaluated during a detailed physical exam of both a trauma and medical patient
- EMS-3.6 Establish the reasons and demonstrate the skills for repeating the initial assessment as part of the on-going assessment
- EMS-3.7 Verify various methods of communicating with a patient and about a patient's condition including radio communications and patient reports on the scene or at a facility
- EMS-3.8 Verify the components and related issues of the written patient report including a pre-hospital care report, patient refusal, legal implications, EMS gathering systems and proper use of medical terminology

Domain – General Pharmacology

Core Standard 4 Students evaluate various types of medicines to assess a patient's medical needs.

Standards

- EMS-4.1 Evaluate the medications with which the EMT-Basic may assist the patient with administering and know the generic names, medication forms and rationale for administering
- EMS-4.2 Verify the structure and function of the respiratory system including signs, symptoms and emergency care of patients with breathing difficulties
- EMS-4.3 Verify the structure and function of the cardiovascular system including signs, symptoms and emergency care of patients with various cardiac emergencies
- EMS-4.4 Analyze and know the steps in the emergency medical care of the patient taking diabetic medicine with an altered mental status and a history of diabetes
- EMS-4.5 Evaluate and know the emergency medical care of the patient with an allergic reaction
- EMS-4.6 Analyze patients and know emergency medical care for the patient with possible overdose
- EMS-4.7 Verify how to identify, assess and provide emergency medical care to a patient experiencing an environmental emergency
- EMS-4.8 Verify how to identify, assess and provide emergency medical care to a patient with psychological, behavioral, and/or suicidal emergencies
- EMS-4.9 Connect obstetrics and gynecology structures and techniques for providing emergency medical care in cases of delivery and birth

Domain – EMT Basic and Trauma

Core Standard 5 Students apply concepts related to the human body to properly diagnose a patient who is experiencing emergency trauma symptoms.

Standards

- EMS-5.1 Connect the structure and function of the circulatory system and steps in the emergency medical care and transportation of the patient with shock and signs and symptoms of internal and/or external bleeding
- EMS-5.2 Evaluate the major functions of the skin and the emergency medical care of a patient with open and closed soft tissue injuries, chest and abdomen injuries, amputations and

various burns

- EMS-5.3 Analyze the functions of the muscular and skeletal systems and the emergency care of patients requiring splinting those with painful, swollen deformed extremities
- EMS-5.4 Evaluate the functions of the nervous system and the emergency care and transportation of patients with spinal injuries

Domain – EMT Basic and Infants, and Children

Core Standard 6 Students integrate knowledge of infant and children to determine the emergency procedures

Standards

- EMS- 6.1 Establish the developmental considerations of infants, toddlers, pre-school, school age and adolescent children
- EMS-6.2 Verify the cognitive, affective and psychomotor issues of emergency care of patients who are infants or children

Domain – Ambulance Operation

Core Standard 7 Students apply and adapt the medical and non-medical equipment and operational procedures needed to transport a patient via an ambulance.

Standards

- EMS-7.1 Apply and adapt the medical and non-medical equipment needed to respond to a call, laws related to ambulance operation, safety considerations, transportation of patients, cleaning, disinfection and sterilization, and the patient information report
- EMS-7.2 Connect the fundamental components of extrication and patient access
- EMS-7.3 Verify responsibilities and procedures, including triage, when responding to calls involving hazardous materials or conditions, multiple-causality situations, and disasters

Domain – Hazardous Materials and EMS Responders

Core Standard 8 Students evaluate various potential hazardous situations to determine how to solve emergency problems as they arise.

Standards

- EMS-8.1 Connect and meet the competencies for First Responder Awareness and Operations Levels as set forth by OSHA 1910.120 and NFPA 472
- EMS-8.2 Manage a hazardous materials incident to determine the magnitude of the problem
- EMS-8.3 Establish how to plan an initial response within the capabilities and competencies of available personnel, personal protective equipment, and control equipment
- EMS-8.4 Verify how to implement the planned response to favorably change the outcomes consistent with the local emergency response plan and the organization's standard operating procedures
- EMS-8.5 Verify how to evaluate the progress of the actions taken to ensure that the response objectives are being met safely, effectively, and efficiently

Domain – Emergency Response to Terrorism

Core Standard 9 Students apply and adapt the necessary procedures to outline potential steps to prevent terrorist activity.

Standards

- EMS-9.1 Select domestic and international terrorism per the current Department of Justice definition

- EMS-9.2 Evaluate, through case histories, various types of potential incidents
- EMS-9.3 Choose differences and similarities between responding to terrorist and non-terrorist incidents
- EMS-9.4 Confirm suspicious circumstances which may indicate possible terrorism
- EMS-9.5 Select the appropriate use of shielding at B-NICE incidents
- EMS-9.6 Choose the use of time and distance as protective measures at B-NICE incidents
- EMS-9.7 Choose the basic steps of emergency decon and routine post-exposure decon
- EMS-9.8 Establish unique challenges that may confront responders when attempting to implement scene control
- EMS-9.9 Connect what hazard and risk components influence public protection considerations
- EMS-9.10 Recommend what resources should be utilized to maintain perimeter security at a terrorist incident
- EMS-9.11 Verify outward warning signs of B-NICE incidents
- EMS-9.12 Establish and explain tactical considerations associated with acts of terrorism involving biological, nuclear, incendiary, chemical, and explosive materials
- EMS-9.13 Select and list specialized equipment needed to support tactical operations involving B-NICE incidents
- EMS-9.14 Given a case study, integrate tactical considerations for each incident category
- EMS-9.15 Verify the authorities and responsibilities in Presidential Decision Directive 39
- EMS-9.16 Analyze crime scene issues which must be addressed when managing an incident involving potential criminal activities
- EMS-9.17 Select applicable resources referenced in the Federal Response Plan (FRP) and the FRP Terrorism Annex
- EMS-9.18 Choose the preliminary indicators for transition from emergency phase to recovery and termination
- EMS-9.19 Recommend unique debriefing and security issues