



ALVIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

# General Program Information Packet

## Thank you for your interest in the Alvin Community College Emergency Medical Services Program.

The EMS Profession is a rewarding career, and EMS professionals are in high demand. The Faculty and staff of the Alvin Community College EMS Program are ready to provide the education and skills you will need to become an Emergency Medical Services professional!

The Alvin Community College EMS Program program is designed to prepare students for a career in emergency medical services. The courses in the ACC EMS Program lead to certification(s) in EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic.

The program is set up in a simple 4 step process:

1. Students successfully completing the first semester take the NREMT certification exam to earn an EMT-Basic Certification.
2. Students completing the second semester may take the NREMT certification exam to earn an Advanced EMT Certification.
3. Students completing the final two semesters take the NREMT certification exam to earn a Paramedic Certification.
4. Students who also successfully complete all the above along with the additional general education courses will earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Emergency Medical Services, which broadens and heightens the student's career opportunity and portability.

\*note all certification courses must be taken in order.

The ACC Emergency Medical Technology Program has the following certificate and degree offerings:

1. Emergency Medical Technician – Basic Certificate
2. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Certificate
3. Paramedic Certificate
4. Associate of Applied Science – Paramedic (\*upon completion of all certificates and core course requirements)

## Steps to Apply:

1. Apply to Alvin Community College by clicking on the link below  
[https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c\\_start.WBX](https://www.applytexas.org/adappc/gen/c_start.WBX)
2. Apply to the EMS Program  
<https://www.alvincollege.edu/emt-ems/index.html>

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## Emergency Medical Services Program –General Applicant Qualifications

Completed the Apply Texas process and been accepted as an Alvin Community College student

- Complete the EMS Program application
- Meet one of the following criteria:
  - Have a valid high school diploma OR
  - Have a valid GED
  - Have a valid home-school certificate of completion or diploma
- Have one of the following:
  - A valid non-expired Driver’s License OR
  - A valid non-expired Texas Identification card
- Can provide detailed valid immunization documentation
- Agree to submit to a background check
- Agree to submit to drug screening and receive a negative result
- Meet the functional and physical qualifications required to work as an EMS professional

## Additional Applicant Qualifications for Advanced EMT

- Have at least one of the following:
  - A valid, non-expired, non-suspended, active NREMT OR TEXAS EMT certification or;
  - A valid course completion certificate from a Texas DSHS-approved EMT course
    - \*Note TEXAS EMT certification must be obtained prior to start of clinicals.

## Additional Application Qualifications for Paramedic

- Have at least one of the following:
  - A valid, non-expired, non-suspended, active NREMT OR TEXAS AEMT certification or;
  - A valid TEXAS EMT certification and AEMT course completion certificate from a Texas DSHS-approved AEMT course

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The following general position description should guide you when considering what qualifications, competencies, and tasks are required of an EMS professional. Please keep all of the requirements listed below in mind when deciding to apply to the ACC Emergency Medical Service Program.

- **Qualifications Required to Work as an EMS Professional**

- Successfully complete an approved EMS education course (EMT, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic) offered by an approved Texas Department of State Health Services.
- Successfully pass the EMT, Advanced EMT, or Paramedic certification exam administered by the National Registry of EMT's.
- You must be 18 years of age to *work* as an EMS professional. (Students may take the course at the age of 17 but cannot begin working until they turn 18)
- You must have a high school diploma or equivalent (GED)
- You must be able to communicate using written documentation, verbally face-to-face, by telephone, by computer, and by radio
- You must be able to lift, carry, and balance up to 125 pounds; 250 with assistance
- You must be able to interpret written and oral instructions
- You must be able to use good judgment and remain calm in high-stress and chaotic situations
- You must be able to work effectively in an environment with loud noises, flashing lights, and many other distractions
- You must be able to function effectively with little to no sleep throughout an entire work shift which can be 24 hours or more
- You must be able to read small print under life-threatening time constraints
- You must be able to speak, read, and understand manuals and road maps published in the English language
- You must be able to read information on a computer screen, and discern street signs and address numbers
- You must be able to confidently and professionally interview patients, family members, bystanders, and other first responders such as law enforcement and fire personnel
- You must be able to document patient care contacts in a prescribed format that can be defensible in a court of law
- You must possess moderate computer skills
- You must be able to converse confidently and professionally in English with coworkers and hospital staff as to the status of patients
- You must possess good manual dexterity with the ability to perform all tasks related to highest quality patient care
- You must be able to bend, stoop, and crawl on uneven terrain
- You must be able to withstand varied environmental conditions such as extreme heat, cold, and moisture while maintaining exemplary patient care
- You must be able to work in low light, confined spaces, and other dangerous environments

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## Criminal Background Check Requirement Information

All Program affiliates require that each student enrolled in the Program who will be coming to their facilities/agencies for clinical experiences must have a clear background. Background screening helps to promote and protect patient safety. Acceptance into the Program is strictly prohibited for any applicant who has been convicted of, attempted to, conspired to, or solicited any of the following:

- Capital Murder
- Murder
- Manslaughter
- Criminally negligent homicide
- Unlawful restraint
- Kidnapping
- Aggravated kidnapping
- Continuous sexual abuse of a young child or children
- Indecent exposure
- Indecency with a child
- Improper relationship between an educator and student
- Sexual assault
- Aggravated assault
- Aggravated Sexual assault
- Assault
- Intentional, knowing, or reckless injury to a child, elderly individual, or disabled individual
- Intentional, knowing, or reckless abandonment or endangerment of a child
- Deadly conduct
- Terroristic threat
- Aiding in suicide
- Prohibited sexual conduct (incest)
- Agreement to abduct a child from custody
- Violation of certain orders in family violence cases
- Violation of protective orders in family violence cases
- Violation of protective order preventing hate crime
- Hate crimes
- Sale or purchase of a human
- Arson
- Robbery
- Aggravated robbery
- Burglary
- Online solicitation of a minor
- Money laundering
- Medicare/Medicaid fraud
- Insurance fraud
- Cruelty to animal(s)
- Causing sexual performance by a child
- Possession or promotion or production of child pornography
- Any other offense for which registration as a sex offender is required

Students must not have convictions in the 5 calendar years from any state or jurisdiction for any of the following:

- Assault punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or felony
- Theft punishable as a felony
- Misapplication of fiduciary property of financial institution punishable as a Class A misdemeanor
- Securing execution of a document by deception punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or felony (not tampering with a government record)
- False identification as/to a law enforcement officer
- Disorderly conduct
- Driving under the influence
- Driving while intoxicated

*Should any of the above be discovered on an applicant's background screen, the applicant is automatically ineligible for acceptance into the Program.*

If an applicant believes his/her background information is incorrect, the applicant is responsible for working with the screening company to attempt to correct the issue. Until the screening company issues a clear background report, the applicant is ineligible for admittance into the Program. If the applicant is not able to obtain a clear background report from the screening company, the applicant must receive background clearance from the Texas Department of State Health Services. (See next section)

### Texas Department of State Health Services Criminal Background Review/Clearance Information

The nature of the EMS profession requires restrictions to be placed on credentialing of persons with criminal histories. The ACC EMT Program is *not* able to advise a student with a criminal history if he/she will be eligible for certification by the state of Texas upon completion of the course and passing the NREMT certification exam.

Applicants who need a criminal background review for background clearance must contact the Texas Department of State Health Services: Call 512.834.6700, then Option 5

Applicants who receive a background clearance letter from the Texas Department State Health Services *must* upload the letter into the Criminal Background Clearance section of the ACC Program application.

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### Drug Screening Requirement Information

All Program affiliates require that all students who visit their facilities/agencies to have submitted to at least one drug screen and have documentation of a negative result within the same semester the student will be coming to their facility/agency. Random drug tests will occur each semester. The cost of random drug screens is encumbered by the student.

Applicants who test positive for one or more of the following substances (without proof of a valid prescription) are automatically ineligible for admittance into the Program:

- Amphetamines
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepines
- Cocaine Metabolites
- Marijuana (tetrahydrocannabinol)
- Methadone
- Methaqualone
- Opiates
- Oxycodone
- Phencyclidine
- Propoxyphene

Applicants who test positive for any of the above-listed substances (without a valid prescription) during a random drug screen must withdraw from the Program and is ineligible to reapply for 12 months.

### ACC Student Email

It is the policy of ACC that college-hosted email is the official means of communication. It is imperative that students accepted into the Program have access to and check their ACC student email daily.

### ACC EMT Program Vaccination Requirements

All Program affiliates require that all students who visit their facilities/agencies are sufficiently vaccinated against several communicable diseases that are commonly found in healthcare settings. Applicants must provide documented proof of the following vaccinations/negative test results:

- Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- Hepatitis B
- Tuberculosis
- Tetanus
- Meningitis
- Influenza
- COVID

**Vaccination declinations are not allowed.**

### AHA Healthcare Provider CPR Certification

All Program affiliates require that all students who visit their facilities/agencies have a current American Heart Association BLS Provider CPR certification. The Program offers a CPR course to students in the EMT course.

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### Uniform Requirement

Students accepted into the Program are required to purchase a uniform and wear it to every class session and during clinical rotations. Vendor information for purchasing uniform components will be included in applicant acceptance letters.

The required uniform components are as follows:

- Blue Polo Shirt
- Black/Navy Blue trauma (cargo) pants
- Solid black belt
- Black first responder boots
- Stethoscope
- Penlight
- Trauma Shears

### Tuition and Fees

Tuition is based upon a student's residency status that is on file with the ACC Registrar's Office. ACC may change tuition rates and other fees without notice or when so directed by the Board of Regents. For more information about tuition and fees, please visit <https://www.alvincollege.edu/admissions/tuition/>.

### ACC Emergency Medical Services Program Accreditation Information

The Alvin Community College Emergency Medical Services Program is currently accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) and the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

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