

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN – BASIC, Certificate Program - Noncredit**

### *Healthcare and Emergency Medical Services*

An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is an entry level healthcare professional who upon successful completion of this 140-hour program along with the Pennsylvania Department of Health practical and written exams provides emergency medical care at the scene of illness or injury that may be simple to complex. All EMT (-B) candidates are required to submit a true and complete Pennsylvania Department of Health Criminal History Reporting form at the beginning of the educational program. Specific admission criteria must be met prior to the start of the program. The following courses are recommended though not required: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and/or First Aid. HACC offers the EMT program at a variety of locations throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### *Career Opportunities*

Typically, EMT's are employed by many organizations both public and private including ambulance companies or a fire department as a professional responder. Opportunities for employment can also exist in a variety of other healthcare, recreational and industrial settings. Frequently, patient care experience as an EMT can provide valuable insight in both academic and clinical components of other health careers should they choose to obtain other related professional degrees or licensure. A few examples may include Nursing (R.N.), EMT-Paramedic, Physician Assistant, or Physician.

### *Competency Profile*

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Perform a rapid patient assessment
- Provide oxygen therapy and ventilation support
- Assist patients with certain medications
- Control external hemorrhage and splint suspected fractured bones
- Administer CPR and utilize an automated external defibrillator
- Efficiently transport patients to an appropriate healthcare facility
- Manage situations and conditions that may be constantly changing
- Develop patient rapport with patients of different cultural, socioeconomic and age groups

**Please NOTE:** The EMT-Basic Certificate program may be used as a free elective toward specific HACC degree programs.

### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The student must successfully complete the entire 140 hour program.