

You've learned the skills. You have the knowledge. NOW GO FOR THE INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION . . .



Emergency Medical Technician Certification

Ozarka Programs/Courses that train in Emergency Medical Technician skills:

- *Certificate of Proficiency—Emergency Medical Technician* https://www.ozarka.edu/program_details.cfm?prg_cod=0015
- *Technical Certificate—Health Professions*

ABOUT EMT Certification:

“The primary focus of the Emergency Medical Technician is to provide basic emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Emergency Medical Technicians function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Emergency Medical Technicians perform interventions with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance. The Emergency Medical Technician is a link from the scene to the emergency health care system.” (<https://www.nremt.org/nremt/about/becomeInvolvedInEMS.asp>)

“Certification through the NREMT indicates that a standard level of competency has been met. Certification means an individual has demonstrated entry level competency, but does not authorize a person to work. Emergency medical professionals are required to obtain a state license to work” (https://www.nremt.org/nremt/about/NREMT_Fast_Facts.asp/)

Why should I get certified?

- To improve your employability in allied health entry level fields
- To meet job requirements
- To meet requirements for training as a paramedic
- To develop valuable skills for serving with a volunteer fire department

When, how, and where can I be certified? You should begin the registration process at [nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org) several weeks prior to your intended testing date in order to avoid delays. Upon verification of successful completion of a state approved EMT training course by your instructor, you may schedule a time and place to take your test. For more information about testing, navigate to:

<https://www.nremt.org/nremt/downloads/NREMT%20Nat%20EMS%20Cert%20bro%202011%20FINAL%20pgs.pdf>

<https://www.nremt.org/nremt/downloads/NREMT%20EMSStudent%209.23.pdf>

How much does the test cost? \$70

How can I pay for the test? *Certification is the point of taking an EMT training course, and should be considered a part of your total education expense. But it is not included in your Ozarka tuition, so you must plan ahead.* Suggestions:

- If you are receiving federal or state financial aid, plan in advance to reserve some of your Pell refund, student government loan disbursement, or other financial aid disbursement so that you have the funds available at the end of the semester.

How can I best prepare for the test?

- See the RESOURCES provided for test preparation at https://www.nremt.org/nremt/about/exam_coord_man.asp