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Dear Prospective EMS Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program at Northwood Technical College. EMT provides an opportunity to build self-confidence, pursue a health career, develop a foundation for career advancement, and provide a service to your community.

### **Program Overview**

Emergency Medical Technicians are the crucial link in the healthcare system. Graduates of the EMT program must complete the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Exam for licensing. If successful, students will be eligible to apply for licensure as an EMT.

Graduates will know how to respond quickly to various life-threatening emergencies. Students must be 18 years old for licensing and will also be expected to complete ten patient contacts after obtaining a Training Center Training Permit. Students who successfully complete the program, with a program plan GPA of 2.0 or better, will be eligible to take the National Registry of EMT's cognitive and psychomotor examinations for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) level of certification.

### **Program Specific Requirements**

- Be at least 17 years old.
- Attend a mandatory orientation session scheduled prior to class.
- Pay fee and have acceptable results based on the Wisconsin Criminal History Record Check, Wisconsin Caregiver Background Check, Minnesota Caregiver Background Check (if applicable), and/or other states if applicable.
  - Information from the Caregiver Background check may affect ability to obtain Training Permit from the State of Wisconsin
- Provide current immunization history and demonstrate negative status for tuberculosis (TB) by the first day of class.
  - Decision to not receive vaccinations may limit ability to obtain clinical placement based upon meeting site placement requirements.
- Review and sign Background Check Disclosure
- Review Technical Standards
- Submit Background Information Disclosure (BID) Statement
- Review and sign EMT Confidentiality Statement of Understanding

**NOTE: Students are required to complete the mandatory 47531437 BLS Basic Life three weeks after the start of the program (BLS Basic Life is scheduled within the program).**

### **Program Outcomes**

The Emergency Medical Technician Program is approved by the Wisconsin Division of Health Services because it uses the current National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards. Graduates will be able to:

- Prepare for incident response and EMS operations.
- Integrate pathophysiological principles and assessment findings to provide appropriate patient care.
- Demonstrate EMT skills associated with established standards and procedures for a variety of patient encounters.
- Communicate effectively with others.
- Demonstrate professional behavior.
- Meet state competencies for EMT certification.

### Career Outlook

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- EMT

### Related Programs

- EMT – Paramedic
- Paramedic Technician
- Advanced EMT

### Curriculum

Number	Course Title	Credits (cr.)
	<b>Occupational Specific Course</b>	
30531330	Emergency Medical Technician	5 cr.

**NOTE:** In order to successfully complete the program, you must complete the clinical portion of the class, which includes 10 documented patient contacts.

### Professional Licensure and/or Certification Information

Northwood Tech's EMT Technical Diploma is designed to prepare students to obtain the required licensure to be employed/practice in the state of Wisconsin. However, Northwood Tech has not made a determination whether this program meets the requirements for preparation, examinations, or licensure in other states. Students who may be seeking professional licensure or certification in states other than Wisconsin should contact the appropriate licensing board in that state to verify that the Northwood Tech program meets licensure or certification requirements.

### Course Descriptions

#### 30531330

This course prepares students for all aspects of emergency medical care, both medical and trauma situations, sanctioned by the Wisconsin Division of Health, at the basic level. Following the most current Wisconsin Revision of the National Standard Curriculum, this course includes didactic and practical skill information in the following areas: legal aspects, anatomy and physiology, patient assessment, critical thinking skills, airway adjuncts, fractures and dislocations, spinal injuries, soft tissue wounds, pharmacology, stroke, cardiac, diabetic, respiratory, altered mental status, pediatric, geriatric, ambulance operations, and triage. Successful completion of this course prepares the learner for the National Registry practical and written examination at the EMT level. **PREREQUISITE:** Admission to the program.

### Reading Comprehension

**Please note:** There is a large amount of student responsibility for required reading and comprehension in this class to successfully complete. Typically, the textbook used in the course has a 10<sup>th</sup> grade reading and comprehension level. If you have any concerns about your reading and/or comprehension, please contact the Academic Support Center on any campus for further assistance.

**Notice to students with disabilities:** Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made to ensure access to academic programs, activities, services, and employment in accordance with Section 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended. If accommodations are needed, contact the college Accommodations Specialist two weeks in advance of the course start date to arrange for accommodations. Accommodations must be in place before you take your first test.

## Training Permits

Training Permits – Your criminal / civil / driving histories are extremely important in obtaining a Training Permit that is required in the clinical portion of this course. Northwood Technical College is not involved in the Training Permit or licensing process other than supplying the necessary information for those processes. The actual review and issuance of individual Training Permit and/or license is the responsibility of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services – EMS Section (DHS-EMS). Depending on students individual histories, a Training Permit or license may not be issued by DHS-EMS which will result in you not being able to successfully complete the EMT course. If you have any concerns about your previous criminal / civil / or driving history, please contact the Wisconsin DHS – EMS Section – Helen Pullen ([www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ems](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ems)) once you have submitted your Training Permit application. Understand, you may have to supply court documents, driving history, and other legal documents as part of the Training Permit and licensing process.

### 2024-2025 PROGRAM COSTS (subject to change)

This program is not financial aid eligible and below is a breakdown of costs. You are responsible for payment of these fees prior to the first day of class. If sponsored by an agency, an authorization form must be submitted at the time of registration.

#### 2024-2025 ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS (Subject to change)

(Tax not included)

<b>Immunizations (GM after 1969, TB w/in 5yr Tetanus w/in 10yrs) Check with county Public Health Dept. /personal physician / clinic</b>	\$ varies
<b>Tuition</b> (authorization from EMS agency or direct payment) Must be paid/authorized upon registration	\$889.75
<b>Emergency Care &amp; Transportation of the Sick and Injured</b>	Approx. \$125
<b>EMS Testing/Platinum Planner (provided by college)</b>	\$0
<b>Uniform Shirt</b>	Approx. \$40
<b>Protective eyewear</b> (Obtain from any source, must have top/side shields. Check with your EMS agency)	\$ varies
<b>EMT Cognitive Exam Fee paid to the NREMT</b> (Not paid until the end of the course, required each time the computer exam is taken)	Approx. \$104
<b>Psychomotor Exam fee paid to Northwood Technical College for EMT</b> (Not paid until the end of the course, station retest per station)	Approx. \$150
<b>Wisconsin Caregiver Background Check</b>	Approx. \$10

## Health / Immunization

Immunization history is also a significant component of the EMT course. Most clinical sites require minimum vaccinations-immunizations. You will need to have official immunization documentation that you can obtain from your personal physician or the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) and then upload the documentation at orientation. The minimum vaccinations-immunizations are as follows.

- **MMR – Measles, Mumps and Rubella** (2 shot series or titer)
- **Tetanus**
- **Varicella** (chicken pox – history of disease is no longer acceptable. You will need a titer if you do not have a record)
- **Hepatitis B** (3 shot series – this vaccine series takes **4-5 months** to complete) You must have at least 1-2 of the series completed.
- **Tuberculosis (TB)** acceptable options: QuantiFERON Gold (1 step blood draw) or 2-step skin test (administered on day 1, test results read on day 3 (if positive, chest x-ray is required). 2<sup>nd</sup> step is repeated 1 week after initial reading and read the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after administration)

- **Influenza**
- **COVID-19** (some medical facilities will require the vaccination)

Again this is ***NOT*** regulated by Northwood Technical College, it is an individual clinical site requirement. If an immunization record is not available, you will be required to obtain titers for any immunization(s) that you cannot provide official documentation for. A titer may be used to prove immunity to the specific disease and will be required in the absence of an actual immunization record. There is a cost to having titers drawn and Northwood Technical College does not cover said cost, so please check with your healthcare professional for the cost that will be incurred.

***An individual has the right to refuse vaccinations-immunizations but then understand, you may have limited clinical availability.***

Enclosed you will find the necessary documents to apply and register for the EMT course. To secure a spot in an upcoming course, please complete and return the necessary documents.

If you have questions about the application and registration process, please contact Northwood Technical College Student Services or any questions related to course content or expectations within the program, please contact Dee Folie, Clinical Coordinator, 715-246-1831.

Thank you again for your interest in the EMT Program. We look forward to working with you to attain your goals.