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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic course (EMT 113, 113L) is to train rescue workers and personnel (ambulance drivers and attendants, firefighters, police officers, etc.) to render emergency medical care using proper techniques of care and transportation. Upon satisfactory completion of the courses, the student is eligible for a Southwestern College Certificate of Completion, and examination for California Certification.

EMT 113 covers common types of injuries with recognition of signs and symptoms and proper treatment and handling to prevent further injury and/or progression of injuries; medical terminology; basic anatomy and physiology; lifting and moving techniques; emergency childbirth; extrication from wrecked vehicles; IV monitoring and communications. Experience in an Emergency Room and on an ambulance is included in EMT 113L.

PRE-REQUISITE:

Students are required to complete EMT 109 "Emergency Medical Responder" (Advanced First Aid/1st Responder) or equivalent with a "C" or better and "Healthcare Provider" CPR certification (EMT 101) **prior** to enrolling in EMT 113. (EMT 125 "Wilderness First Responder" also qualifies as the pre-requisite in lieu of EMT 109 & 101.) Recommended preparation: college level reading ability or eligibility for Reading 158. Please note: Students taking EMT 109 must also take EMT 101 even if they already have the HCP CPR card.

LENGTH OF COURSE:

The EMT 113 & 113L courses are a total of 8.0 units over a semester (17-18 weeks) and are generally offered two evenings per week from 5:30-9:50pm, or two to three afternoons per week from 1:00-5:30, plus a few designated Saturdays. They are offered in the Fall and Spring semesters and when the budget permits, in the summer. There are 16 hours for ER and ambulance rotations during EMT 113L. Students must be at least 18 years old to go to the ER and ride on an ambulance.

APPROXIMATE COST: * Subject to periodic change*

Costs involved are for textbooks (about \$175), materials fee (\$40), parking (\$40 per semester or \$3 per day), college enrollment fees (currently \$46 per unit) and final skills test (\$100).

ENROLLMENT:

Enrollment takes place by following the regular Southwestern College application and registration procedures. (Consult current class schedule, Catalog, and/or the Admissions Office).

STATE CERTIFICATION AND CHALLENGE:

Successful completion of the EMT program with a grade of "C" (80%) or better is required to be eligible to apply for the National Registry and State Certification exam. It should be noted that some employers may require a high school diploma or equivalent. There is a separate application and fee required for the certification exam.

The State of California requires National Registry certification for Emergency Medical Technicians in addition to other requirements. Local accreditation, including criminal background check, must be obtained to be employed as an EMT in San Diego County.

EMT I differs from Paramedic training and covers less extensive pre-hospital emergency care.

NOTE: The State may refuse certification to individuals who have been convicted of crimes and/or certain misdemeanors. If you have concerns about this, you may contact the San Diego County Emergency Medical Services office at 619-285-6429.