

The health care field is wide open to both men and women. This is just the beginning of a lifetime of exciting opportunities that a health career can bring you. As your knowledge and experience grow, there will be many career choices available to you... First Responder, EMT Basic, Advanced EMT, and Paramedic. Your interests and aptitude may also take you into other health careers such as nursing, dentistry, and medicine. In addition to First Responder and EMT courses, high school classes in Medical Terminology, Introduction to Health Occupations, Certified Nurse Assistant, Sports Medicine, Biology, Chemistry, and Anatomy and Physiology are good preparation.



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First Responder-EMT

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Career and Technical Education

The First Responder–EMT Program

First Responder and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) care for the sick or injured in emergency medical settings. They respond to emergency calls, performing medical services, and transporting patients to medical facilities. People's lives often depend on their quick reaction and competent care. The Central High School First Responder-EMT program blends theory and hands-on application. Students will also become CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) certified.

Qualifications

Compassion. First Responders and EMTs must be able to provide emotional support to patients in an emergency, especially patients who are in life-threatening situations or extreme mental distress.

Interpersonal skills. First Responders and EMTs usually work on teams and must be able to coordinate their activities closely with others in stressful situations.

Listening skills. First Responders and EMTs need to listen to patients to determine the extent of their injuries or illnesses.

Physical strength. First Responders and EMTs need to be physically fit. Their job requires a lot of bending, lifting, and kneeling.

Problem-solving skills. First Responders and EMTs need strong problem-solving skills. They must be able to evaluate patients' symptoms and administer the appropriate treatments.

Speaking skills. First Responders and EMTs need to be able explain procedures to patients, give orders, and relay information to others.

Reasons to be a First Responder-EMT

Projected Job Growth: Employment of First Responders and EMTs is projected to grow 23 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. Emergencies, such as car crashes, natural disasters, or acts of violence, will continue to create job demand for First Responders and EMTs. Growth in the elderly population will lead to an increase in the number of age-related health emergencies and will also create greater demand for EMTs.

Annual Median Salary: \$31,030 per year

Certification: The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians certifies Emergency Medical Responders (First Responders) and EMTs. Certification requires completing a certified education program and passing the national exam which has both written and practical parts.

