

## SALARY RANGE

Average Annual Salary--\$19,100  
Salary Range--\$15,600 to \$25,230

## CAREER OUTLOOK

Population growth and urbanization will increase demand for emergency medical technicians and paramedics by an average of 32% over the next 10 years. The increased demand is a result of the aging population of baby boomers and because more communities are moving from volunteer EMT's and paramedics to full time paid positions. The greatest demand for EMT's and paramedics is expected to occur in hospitals and private ambulance services.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Association of Emergency  
Medical Technicians  
408 Monroe Street  
Clinton, MS 39056-4210  
Phone: (800) 346-2368  
Phone: (601) 924-7744  
Fax: (601) 924-7325  
E-mail: [info@naemt.org](mailto:info@naemt.org)  
Web: [www.naemt.org](http://www.naemt.org)

National Registry of Emergency  
Medical Technicians  
P.O. Box 29233  
Columbus, OH 43229  
Phone: (614) 888-4484  
Fax: (614) 888-8920  
Web: [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org)



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

## POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

Emergency medical technicians and paramedics are the first responders to pre-hospital emergency care. They respond quickly and efficiently to critically ill or injured patients using specially equipped vehicles. After arriving at the scene, they assess the nature and extent of the illness or injury, establish priorities for medical care when multiple patients are involved, and use decontamination techniques to facilitate patient care and ensure that the patient is not further infected by some external contaminant. They provide patients with basic life support skills including: air way management, control of bleeding, treatment of shock, oxygen therapy, treatment of environmental emergencies, burn care, splinting and bandaging techniques, vehicle and water extraction, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency child birth. EMT's and paramedics must have the ability to apply interpersonal and patient care skills to all age groups from pediatric to geriatric patients. The job can be physically and emotionally demanding. EMT's must have the ability to lift, move, and secure patients using a number of immobilization and

transportation techniques and devices. They must also have the emotional strength and stamina to deal with life and death situations. There are two distinct specializations for emergency medical technicians. They are EMT basic, and EMT paramedic. Each specialization requires additional training.

## WORK ENVIRONMENT

Emergency medical technicians work in a wide range of work place environments. They can be employed by hospitals, rescue squads, fire departments, police departments, commercial ambulance services, and by industry.

## HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

High school subjects helpful to those preparing for a career as an emergency medical technician or paramedic are biology, chemistry, psychology, physical education, algebra, computer skills, English, drivers education, first aid, sociology, health occupations /medical professions education.

## COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Students entering an EMT training program must be 18 years of age, have a high school diploma and a driver's license with a good driving record.

EMT basic classification requires students to complete approximately 120 classroom hours and the EMT paramedic requires students to complete a two year Associate Degree program in emergency medical technology. To work in the state of Mississippi, all emergency medical technicians must pass a national examination for certification. Students interested in emergency medical technology should contact schools for information on admission and course of study.

## EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

MS Gulf Coast CC  
Jeff Davis Campus  
2226 Switzer Rd.  
Gulfport, MS 39507  
Phone: (228) 896-3355

Itawamba CC  
Fulton Campus  
602 West Hill St.  
Fulton, MS 38843  
Phone: (662) 862-3101

Northwest MS CC  
Senatobia Campus  
P.O. Box 7045  
Senatobia, MS 38668  
Phone: (662) 562-3200

Jones Jr. College  
Ellisville Campus  
900 S. Court Street  
Ellisville, MS 39437  
Phone: (601) 477-4000

Southwest MS CC  
Summit Campus  
Voc. Tech. Building  
Summit, MS 39666  
Phone: (601) 276-2000

University of MS  
Medical Ctr.  
2500 North State Street  
Jackson, MS 39216  
Phone: (601) 984-1080

Holmes CC  
Ridgeland Campus  
412 W. Ridgeland Ave.  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
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