# ORANGE COUNTY EMT EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN PARAMEDIC



# **PROGRAM CATALOG**

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# **Field Internship Affiliations**

Alhambra Fire Department 301 North First Street Alhambra, CA 91801

Anaheim Fire and Rescue 201 South Anaheim Blvd Anaheim, CA 92805

**Cal Fire Riverside** 210 West San Jacinto Avenue Perris, CA 92570

**Carlsbad Fire Department** 2560 Orion Way Carlsbad, CA 92010

**Compton Fire Department** 201 S. Acacia Ave Compton, CA 90220

**Corona Fire Department** 735 Public Safety Way Corona, CA 92880

**Costa Mesa Fire Department** 77 Fair Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Culver City Fire Department 9770 Culver Blvd Culver City, CA 90232

**Downey Fire Department** 11111 Brookshire Ave Downey, CA 90241

**Escondido Fire Department** 1163 Center City Parkway Escondido, CA 92025

**Fullerton Fire Department** 312 E. Commonwealth Fullerton, CA 92832

**Glendale Fire Department** 421 Oak Street Glendale, CA 91204

Huntington Beach Fire Department 2000 Main Street Huntington Beach, CA 92648 Laguna Beach Fire Department 505 Forest Avenue Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Long Beach Fire Department 3205 Lakewood Blvd Long Beach, CA 90808

Monrovia Fire Department 415 S. Ivy Avenue Monrovia, CA 91016

North County Fire Protection District 330 South Main Avenue Fallbrook, CA 92082

Newport Beach Fire Department 100 Civic Center Drive Newport Beach, CA 92660

Oceanside Fire Department 300 North Coast Highway Oceanside, CA 92054

**Ontario Fire Department** 425 East B Street Ontario, CA 91764

Orange City Fire Department 176 South Grand Street Orange, CA 92866

Rancho Cucamunga Fire Department 10500 Civic Center Drive Rancho Cucamunga, CA 91730

**Riverside City Fire Department** 3401 University Ave Riverside, CA 92501

**Riverside County Fire Department** 16902 Bundy Ave Riverside, CA 92518

**San Bernardino Fire Department** 157 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415

San Diego Fire and Rescue 600 B Street, Suite 1200 San Diego, CA 92101 San Diego Falck 4885 Greencraig Ln San Diego, CA 92123

**San Diego Fire Protection District** 5560 Overland Ave. Suite 400 San Diego, CA 92123

Santa Monica Fire Department 333 Olympic Dr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Santa Monica, CA 90401

**Torrance Fire Department** 3401 University Ave Riverside, CA 92501

Vista Fire Department 200 Civic Center Drive Vista, CA 92084

# **Clinical Affiliations**

**Children's Hospital of Orange County** 1201 West La Veta Orange, CA 92868

Garden Grove Hospital 12601 Garden Grove Blvd. Garden Grove, CA 92843

Huntington Beach Memorial Hospital 17772 Beach Blvd. Huntington Beach, CA 92647

**Orange County Global** 1001 North Tustin Ave Santa Ana, CA 92705

**Riverside University Hospital** 26520 Cactus Avenue Moreno Valley, CA 92555 Saddleback Memorial Hospital 24451 Health Center Dr. Laguna Hills, CA 92653

**St Mary's Medical Center** 1050 Linden Ave. Long Beach, CA 90813

**Tri-City Medical Center** 4002 Vista Way Oceanside, CA 92056

UCI Medical Center 101 The City Drive South Orange, CA 92868

West Anaheim Medical Center 3033 West Orange Avenue Anaheim, CA 92804

# **Course Location**

26489 Rancho Parkway South Lake Forest, CA 92630

#### **Mission Statement**

"To provide the highest level of Emergency Medical Training and Education to persons seeking Employment, Career Development, or Personal Development in the Pre-Hospital setting, by exceeding National Standards and staying at the forefront of EMS Education."

#### **Vision Statement**

"Through Commitment, Dedication, and Perseverance, we will become a nationally recognized Emergency Medical Training Program that specializes in all EMS certifications at the State and National levels, while always maintaining excellence within our program."

#### **Course Description**

This Paramedic Program meets the standards outlined in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. The program is full-time and lasts for six months. It includes the following components: Didactic Instruction, Skills Labs, Clinical Internship, Field Experience, and a Capstone Field Internship. Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a Course Completion Certificate, which allows them to apply for the National Registry Exam and subsequently for licensure. Those who pass the National Registry Exam will be eligible for employment as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) or Paramedics under Labor Code 29-2043.

#### **Certificate Program**

The Paramedic Course is for a certificate only. A course completion certificate shall be issued that meets the criteria of California EMS, Orange County EMS, National Registry of EMT, and is drawn from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Upon successful completion of our 1296-hour Paramedic course, students who achieve a minimum cut score on each unit exam and complete their clinical and field internships will be eligible to take the National Registry Exam. We do not offer licensure or a degree for this course.

#### **Minimum Course Expectations**

"To prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and/or Emergency Medical Technician, and/or Emergency Medical Responder levels."

#### **Required Course Documents**

"As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this catalog before signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you before signing an enrollment agreement."

## **Course Progression and Contact Hours for Program Completion**

Students will advance through the program by successfully completing each course in the order listed below. The objectives and completion requirements are detailed in the syllabus of each course.

#### Didactic Courses and Pharmacology: 344 Hours

- 1. Airway and Pharmacology
- 2. Cardiac and Pharmacology
- 3. Medical and Pharmacology
- 4. Trauma and Pharmacology
- 5. OB/Pediatrics and Pharmacology
- 6. Operations and Pharmacology

7. Final Examinations

## Skills Lab Courses: 184 Hours

- 1. Airway Lab, Pharmacology, and Protocols
- 2. Cardiac Lab, Pharmacology, ECG, and Protocols
- 3. Medical Lab, Pharmacology, ECG, and Protocols
- 4. Trauma Lab, Pharmacology, ECG, and Protocols
- 5. Obstetrics/Pediatrics Lab, Pharmacology, ECG, and Protocols
- 6. Operations Lab, Pharmacology, ECG, and Protocols
- 7. Skills Lab Evaluations

## **Clinical and Field Internships**

- 1. Clinical Internship: 168 Hours
- 2. Field Experience: 24 Hours
- 3. Field Internship: 384 Hours
- 4. Capstone Internship: 192 Hours

## **Terminal Competencies**

- 1. Summative Cognitive Exam
- 2. Summative Psychomotor Evaluation
- 3. Summative Affective Evaluation

## Total Course Hours: 1296 Hours

#### **Program Objectives**

- 1. Define Roles and Responsibilities of Paramedics in the Health Care System
- 2. Professionalism: Demonstrate the level of professionalism expected of paramedics in all interactions and situations.
- 3. Safety and Wellness: Perform the duties of a paramedic while ensuring the safety and well-being of yourself and others.
- 4. Scope of Practice: Operate within the Scope of Practice and Standard of Care for paramedics, which includes understanding medical, legal, and ethical issues.
- 5. Patient Assessment and Management: Apply principles of anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, life-span development, and therapeutic communication to assess and manage patients effectively.
- 6. Lifesaving Interventions: Identify situations that necessitate immediate lifesaving interventions to manage a patient's airway, breathing, and circulation.
- 7. Treatment Plans: Assess patients of all ages, including those experiencing medical or traumatic emergencies, and formulate appropriate treatment plans within the Scope of Practice of a Paramedic.
- 8. Emergency Medical Services Operations: Apply principles of emergency medical services operations, which include considerations for ambulance and air medical transportation, managing multiple casualty incidents, gaining access to and extricating patients, responding to hazardous materials incidents, and addressing incidents involving weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Demonstrate the level of professionalism expected of paramedics in all interactions and situations.

## **Schedule of Total Charges**

Tuition for the course is \$14,000.00, which covers the entire period of attendance and is equivalent to the whole program, consisting of Courses 1-9. (All Courses listed in the Course Syllabus)

Paramedic Program Fees	
Item	Cost
Application Fee	\$50.00
Enrollment Fee:	\$250.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fund Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$2.50
Tuition	\$14,000.00
Required Course Material	
Course Resources	\$634.00
FISDAP: Electronic Skills Database and Testing Fees	\$0.00
Clinical equipment: Stethoscope/Goggles	\$100.00
Uniform: 511 Pants/Polo, optional boots and belt (Non-Refundable)	\$250.00
Skills Lab Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$500.00
EMS Health Clearance Records	\$50.00
Optional	
Tutoring	\$60.00 per hour
Housing	\$2,000.00- \$3,200.00
Assessment fee for transfer of units	N/A
Fees to Transfer Credits	N/A
Post Course Fees: Required for Certification/Licensure	
NREMT Exam	\$200.00
State of California Paramedic Licensing Fee	\$175.00
Live Scan	\$70- \$125
Estimated Cost:	\$16,000.00

## Included with Tuition:

- Controlled Notes
- Uniform: button down shirt, Pants, & Job shirt
- ICS 100 and 700
- Clinical Internship
- Field Internship
- American Heart Association: Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- Orange County EMS: Course Completion Certificate
- Orange County EMS: Paramedic Accreditation
- Riverside County EMS: Paramedic Accreditation

#### **Financial Assistance**

OCEMT does not offer financial aid; however, several payment options are available. Contact the Administration for more information.

## **Entrance Requirements**

- 1. Students must be at least 18 years old and possess a High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent.
- 2. Applicant must possess a current State of California EMT Basic, or EMT Intermediate license issued by a State EMS Agency, or the California Fire Marshal's Office, or the NREMT.
- 3. The applicant must have a current BLS for Healthcare Provider card issued by the American Heart Association.
- 4. Applicant must have completed an Anatomy/Pathophysiology (Individual or Combined) or have taken a Paramedic Preparation course from an accredited institution that includes it.
- 5. Applicants must have a minimum of 1000 hours of part-time or full-time experience as an EMT prior to the application deadline. Verification must be in writing from a supervisor or Department Head, on official letterhead. Time may be served as a reserve and or Volunteer Firefighter and the Administration reserves the right to accept qualified candidates given sufficient work history in a related field.
- 6. Applicants must have all vaccinations listed prior to starting their clinical internship and provide proof of their completed HBV series & titer at the time of application.
- 7. Applicants must complete a background check prior to entering the program. This does not include the DOJ Live Scan.
- 8. Applicants must provide a letter of recommendation from their current supervisor at their place of employment, as well as one from an additional reference.
- 9. Applicants must submit a completed application with all supporting documents prior to proceeding to the selection process.

#### **Selection Process**

- 1. Complete the online Application
- 2. Schedule an Entrance Exam
- 3. Take the Entrance Interview

#### Eligibility

The Administration will evaluate each candidate and reserves the right to select the most qualified students based on their experience, education, and performance throughout the process. This applies to all candidates, including those with expertise outside of EMS, such as US Naval Corpsmen, DOD, and US Army Combat Medics.

## **Highly Desirable Qualifications**

- Completion of a Paramedic Preparatory Course from an Accredited Institution
- Completion of an Anatomy/Pathophysiology Course
- Completion of an EKG Course

- Completion of Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- Completion of Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)

## **National Curriculum**

The curriculum for the Paramedic Course meets the objectives outlined in the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, DOT HS 811 077A. *AAOS Nancy Caroline's Emergency Care in the Streets, 8th Edition, Volumes 1 & 2,* is intended to serve as a foundational guide and reference to paramedicine. Developed to stay ahead of current trends and practices in paramedicine, all seven volumes are based on the National EMS Education Standards and the accompanying Paramedic Instructional Guideline.

## **Course Resources**

- 1) AAOS, Nancy Caroline's Emergency Care in the Streets, 9th Edition Volumes 1 & 2
- 2) Jones and Bartlett Learning, Navigate Premier
- 3) FISDAP: Skills Tracker, Scheduler, and Testing

## **Technical Resource Requirements**

Students must have access to the following resources to enroll in the Program:

- 1) A computer, iPad, or other compatible learning device.
  - a. JBL Navigate Premier
    - b. FISDAP Skills Tracker and Scheduling
    - c. Proctor Free
- 2) Students will need internet access at home to complete assignments
- 3) Students must have the ability to print course documents and study materials.
- 4) Students must be able to keep track of time.

## **Program Completion Requirements**

The Paramedic Program consists of eight sections that must be completed in sequence to complete the Program.

#### 1) Didactic Courses 1-6

- a. Achieve a score of 80% or higher on all assigned chapter quizzes.
- b. Achieve a score of 80% or higher on the JBL Comprehensive Exam.
- c. Achieve a score of 75% or higher on each unit exam.
- d. Achieve a score of 75% or higher on the EKG Midterm.
- e. Achieve a score of 75% or higher on each Pharmacology Exam.

#### 2) Final Exams

- a. Courses 1-6 must be successfully completed to take the Final Exam
- b. Students must complete the Final Exam with a 75% or above
- c. Students must complete the Pharmacology Exam with a 75% or above
- d. Students must complete the EKG Exam with a 75% or above

#### 3) Skills Labs

- a. Students must complete each section of the Skills Portfolio to continue to the next Skills Course.
- b. Students must complete the Medical Skills Lab Summatiave Scenario to continue to the Trauma Skills Lab Course.
- c. Students must complete the Trauma Skills Lab Summative Scenario to continue to the OB/Peds Skills Lab Course.
- d. Students must complete the Medica Skills Lab Summative Scenario to continue to the Trauma Skills Lab Course.

## 4) Skills Testing

- a. Trauma Summative testing will take place after the Trauma Unit Exam.
- b. Medical Summative testing will take place the week of the Final Exam.
- c. Summative Skills retesting will take place no sooner than one whole week after the initial attempt

#### 5) Clinical Internships

- a. Students successfully completing the Skills Lab Courses will progress to Clinical Internships
- b. Students must attend all assigned shifts
- c. Students must achieve a Meets Expectations on their Final Evaluation to complete the course

## 6) Field Internships

- a. Clinical Internships must be successfully completed to progress to the Field Internship.
- b. Field Experience: Shift 0
- c. Field Internship: Shifts 1-16
- d. Capstone Internship: Shifts 17-24

## 7) Terminal Competencies

- a. The Capstone Internship must be successfully completed to progress to the Summative Evaluations, where all Terminal Competencies will be verified.
- b. Written Examination: Must achieve a 75% or above
- c. Must successfully complete a Medical and Trauma scenario with a Meets Expectations
- d. Must achieve a Meets Expectations on the Summative Affective Domain Evaluation

## 8) Licensure

- a. Students successfully completing their Summative Examinations will receive a Course Completion Certificate and are eligible for Licensure.
- b. Students must pass the NREMT cognitive and psychomotor exams to receive their NREMT License.
- c. Students who receive their NREMT license can then apply for their State and County License after being employed by an EMS Provider.

#### **Course Progression Requirements**

#### 1) Course Reading

Students are expected to read the assigned chapters prior to the start of class.

#### 2) Pharmacology

Students are expected to be familiar with the assigned pharmacology sheets prior to the start of class.

#### 3) E-Book Quizzes

These are completed at the end of each lesson and are found in the JBL Navigate software. Quizzes are not graded, but they must be completed with a score of 80% or higher in order to take the Unit Exams. You are allowed multiple attempts on each quiz to achieve the minimum score.

#### 4) JBL Comprehensive Exams

- a. Students will take a (1) Comprehensive Practice Exam through JBL prior to their Unit Exam.
- b. Students must complete the exam with an 80% or above
- c. Multiple attempts are allowed to achieve the minimum score

## 5) FISDAP Practice Quizzes

Students must take the FISDAP Practice Quiz for the corresponding course prior to taking the Unit Exam.

## 6) Unit Exams

Students must successfully complete each Unit Exam with the minimum cut score. Students who do not achieve the minimum cut score will be allowed to retest on 2) exams, given the following conditions:

- a. Students must achieve the minimum required score on the retest, or they will be dropped from the Program
- b. Students successful on their second attempt will be placed on Academic Probation
- c. Students will be dropped from the Program after their 3<sup>rd</sup> substandard score
- d. There will be no retests on the Final Exams
- e. Students must agree to use Proctor Free for online monitoring of Unit Exams and Finals

## 7) Pharmacology Exams

Students must achieve a minimum score of 75% on each Pharmacology Exam taken with the corresponding Unit Exam. Students will be allowed to retest on (2) exams, given the following conditions:

- a. Students must achieve the minimum required score on the retest, or they will be dropped from the Program
- b. Students successful on their second attempt will be placed on Academic Probation
- c. Students will be dropped from the Program after their 3rd substandard score
- d. There will be no retests on the Final Exams

#### 8) EKG Exams

- a. Students must complete the EKG Midterm with a 75% or above, taken with the Trauma Unit Exam
- b. Students will be allowed one re-test on the EKG Midterm, which must be passed with a score of 75% or above.
- c. Students who do not achieve a 75% on the retest will be dropped from the Program.

#### 9) Final Exams

- a. Final Exams will be graded as a percentage towards the student's overall score. Students must achieve the minimum cut scores listed below to progress in the course.
- b. Cognitive Exam: 75%
- c. Pharmacology: 75%
- d. EKG: 75%

#### 10) Skills Labs

- a. Students must successfully pass Skills Labs 1-6 upon completion of the Final Exam.
- b. Students must successfully complete their Summative Skill Scenarios
- c. Students who fail their first attempt will be placed on academic probation
- d. Students will be allowed one opportunity to reaccomplish any failed scenario
- e. Students who fail the Retest will be dropped from the Program

## **Articulation Agreement**

Orange County EMT has an Articulation Agreement with Columbia Southern University. Students who complete the Paramedic Program through OCEMT and enroll in Columbia Southern University will receive 21 lower-level semester hours in CSU's degree programs.

Note: Hours may also be divided as follows: 6 hours may be placed in the Natural Sciences and the remaining 15 hours in electives. Please refer to the university for admissions and transfer policies.

#### **Columbia Southern University**

21982 University Drive Orangewood, Alabama 36561 Admissions: (800) 977- 8449 Website: www.columbiasouthern.edu

#### Learning Methods

The following learning methods have been utilized to suit all student learning abilities best

#### 1) Didactic Courses

- a. Traditional Learning
- b. Classroom Setting
- c. Instructor-Based Lecture
- d. Interactive Conversation

#### 2) Skills Labs

- a. Instructor lead
- b. Peer Training
- c. Individual training
- d. High fidelity simulation training

#### **Online Resources**

- a. Jones and Bartlett Learning: Quizzes, Practice Exams, Study Resources
- b. FISDAP: Online Practice Quizzes, Online Unit Exams
- c. Proctor Free (Distance Education Only)

#### Libraries and Other Learning Resources

For the purpose of instructional education for Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic students, the following resources will be included with the course tuition to assist students with the equipment and/or learning resources necessary to be successful in completing our program.

#### Facility

The institution has two primary classrooms. One classroom is assigned to the EMT Program and the other is assigned to the Paramedic Program. The Paramedic Classroom also has five breakout rooms for skills training. Each classroom has the following technical infrastructure to support the media services:

- (3) 70-inch smart televisions
- Laptop Computer
- Cox Communications Commercial WIFI and Router services
- 2.0 and 5.0 mesh system WIFI services
- Cable Services
- Electrical outlets
- Chromebook Computers
- iPad
- Attendance Time Clock
- Hydration Station

• (2) Eight-foot Dry-Erase Boards

## **Student Services**

The following services are offered to students:

- 1) Academic Counseling Identify areas of cognitive weakness and develop improvement plans.
- 2) Skills Tutoring Identify areas of weakness in psychomotor skills and develop improvement plans.
- 3) Employment Counseling Prepare students for the paramedic hiring process and teach Firefighters how to be successful as licensed Paramedics in their Departments.
- 4) Program Orientation
  Overview of Course Polices, Procedures, Progression, and Expectations.
- 5) Student Records Assist with transcripts, letters of recommendation, and Articulation.
- 6) Student Grievance Explain the Student Grievance Process.
- 7) Financial Assistance Advise of Financial Resources and options to assist with tuition.

## Library Resources/Media Center

The following resources are found at the school library

- Study Guide: Emergency Care in the Streets, 9th Edition, Workbook
- American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare Provider Student Manual (CPR)
- American Heart Association ACLS Student Manual
- American Heart Association PALS Student Manual
- EKG Student Books
- Anatomy and Pathophysiology reference material
- Pharmacology References

## Websites and Other Resources

The following websites are commonly used to access more information regarding Paramedic Training

- National Registry EMT: <u>www.nremt.org/</u>
- California EMS Agency: <u>www.emsa.ca.gov</u>
- Pearson My Lab: www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/northamerica/
- Orange County EMS Agency: <u>www.ochealthinfo.com</u>

## **Bureau For Private Postsecondary Education**

Approval means the institution has been approved to operate, and that approval means compliance with state standards as set forth in the *California Private Postsecondary Act of 2009*.

"Orange County EMT's Emergency Medical Technician-1 Program has been approved to operate by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary. This is a privately owned and operated training program." "As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the school's performance fact sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement."

"The Office of Student Assistance and Relief is available to support prospective students, current students, or past students of private postsecondary educational institutions in making informed

decisions, understanding their rights, and navigating available services and relief options. The office may be reached by calling (888) 370-7589 or by visiting https://www.osar.bppe.ca.gov/."

## **Cell Phone Usage Policy**

- 1. Cell phones must be in the silent mode and left in backpacks, unless on breaks.
- 2. Family members, employers, and friends can contact the school at any time for urgent matters by calling the listed number. It is the student's responsibility to notify all parties of the number
- 3. Students are required to leave their phones in their car or the Administrative Lock Box during all Exams.
- 4. Students who are non-compliant the first time will be reminded of the policy and must comply.
- 5. Students who do not comply after the first warning will be sent home without exception
- 6. Students who are sent home will have to make up hours according to the absence policy.

#### Policy on Transfer of Hours/Units

The transferability of credits you earn at Orange County EMT is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the Course Completion Certificate you earn through OCEMT is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. Suppose the Course Completion Certificate(s) that you earn at this institution is/are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer. In that case, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at the institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending Orange County EMT's Paramedic Program to determine if your Course Completion Certificate will transfer.

#### **Course Language**

All students enrolling must speak English proficiently, having graduated from High School or achieved a GED. There will be no English services provided to those students who are not fluent in English; this course is instructed in ENGLISH ONLY.

## **Title IV**

It should be noted that Orange County EMT does not participate in Federal or State Financial Aid Programs.

#### Credit by Exam

OCEMT does not offer credit by exam

#### **Advanced Placement Services**

Currently, we do not offer Job Placement Services to candidates who have successfully completed this program. Orange County EMT has established well-respected professional relationships with many employers throughout Orange County. Our goal is to become a recruiting platform for employment within these organizations in the future.

#### Housing

Orange County EMT has no responsibility to find or assist students in finding housing, and does not offer dormitory facilities. The average monthly rent for an apartment in the area is \$2,000.00, and \$3,200.00 for a residential home.

#### Visa

Orange County EMT does not admit students from other countries. It is not the responsibility of OCEMT to check the immigration status of our prospective students. A Department of Justice Background check will be performed for the EMT wishing to become licensed in Orange County in the near future. All instruction and audio/visual aids will be delivered in the English Language.

## **Experiential Credit**

Orange County EMT does not award credit earned from another training institution and/or college or university. The Paramedic Program is an intense, challenging course that includes protocols that are specific to Orange County. Any previous education in Health Science or Emergency Medicine will be beneficial to the student, however will not count as credit earned for this course.

## **Financial Aid**

Orange County EMT does not provide financial aid programs in any way. All costs that are associated with enrollment into our program shall be between the student and their financial institution. OCEMT does offer installment plans for approved students.

#### Loans

Any student obtaining a loan to pay for an educational program, the student will have the responsibility to repay the full amount of the loan plus interest, less the amount of any refund, and that, if the student has received federal student financial aid funds, the student is entitled to a refund of the money's not paid from federal student financial aid program funds.

## Bankruptcy

OCEMT Corp. is financially solvent and has not filed for bankruptcy, is not operating as a debtor in possession, filed a petition within the preceding five years, or has had a petitions in bankruptcy filed against it within the preceding five years that resulted in reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. Sec. 1101 et seq.)

## **Distance Education**

Orange County EMT does not provide distance education.

## American Disability Act

OCEMT will follow the policies of the ADA as defined through "The NREMTs Americans with Disabilities Accommodations Policy for Educators and Students."

- a) For More information: www.nremt.org under general policies, ADA policy
- b) Request the ADA brochure through the Program Administrator

## **Student Probation Policy**

Any student who receives an exam score less than the minimum cut score will be placed on academic probation for the duration of the course. Academic Probation consists of a signed document, which is signed by both OCEMT and the student, stating that the student has achieved an exam score below the minimum standard and is at risk of failing the course.

#### **Student Attendance Policy**

Students are required to attend all scheduled course hours, unless prior arrangements have been made with the Administration. The approved hours for the Paramedic Course in which you are enrolled are 1296 hours. All students will be assigned a code to check in and out of the school on the electronic attendance/hour tracker. Any student who forgets to check in or out must notify the Administration on the day the error occurred; otherwise, they will be considered absent. The Course Hours are tracked by the Administration and Regulating Authorities to ensure the minimum hours for each student are met. Due to inconsistencies in attendance, including tardiness, early departures, absences, and any other occurrences, students will need to make up the missed hours.

#### Full-Time Program Absence Make-Up Policy

- 1. Students will be allowed one unexcused absence.
- 2. Students with a second unexcused absence must make up the hours missed
- 3. Students with three unexcused absences will be dropped from the Course.

- 4. A minimum of one hour will be assessed for any student who is late to class or leaves early.
- 5. Absences and assessed hours must be made up by attending the Part-Time Program, EMT classes, or Saturday School.
- 6. All absences and hours must be made up prior to the Final Exam.

## Part-Time Program Student Absence Make-Up Policy

- 1. Students will be allowed one unexcused absence.
- 2. Students with a second unexcused absence must make up the hours missed
- 3. Students with a third unexcused absence will be dropped from the Course.
- 4. A minimum of one hour will be assessed for any student who is late to class or leaves early.
- 5. Absences and assessed hours must be made up by attending the Full-Time Course, EMT Classes, or Saturday School.
- 6. All absences and hours must be made up prior to the Final Exam.

## Leave of Absence Policy

Any student who is absent for more than three class sessions without obtaining consent from OCEMT will be dropped from the class or placed on a Leave of Absence. If placed on a Leave of Absence, the student will have the option to enroll in the next course.

## **Student Withdrawal Procedure**

Any student dropping the course must do so in writing by completing a Course Withdrawal form. The form can be accessed on our website under "Student Access" or by requesting one through the Administrative Secretary.

## **Dismissal Policy**

Failure to abide by all local and federal laws will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the program. Furthermore, all Rules of conduct found under "Program Code of Conduct" shall be followed with strict adherence. Any student found cheating, under the influence of any intoxicant, or displaying violent or threatening behavior will be dropped from the course. Any student dropped from the course for the reasons mentioned above will be refunded in accordance with our refund policy. Failure to meet objectives stated in the course achievement criteria will result in dismissal from this program. Additionally, any unlawful, unethical, or dishonest act that violates the guidelines set forth by the State of California EMS Authority or Orange County EMS may result in expulsion from the program.

## Summative Skills Re-Testing Policy

Any student who fails a skill during their Summative Skills Testing will be allowed one retest. The retest will consist of any skill the student initially failed, but will be applied in a different scenario. The outcome of the students' retest is absolute, with no exceptions. All retests will be evaluated by two instructors and recorded for validation purposes.

#### Successful Summative Skill Re-Test Policy

- a. The student will successfully complete each required skill.
- b. The Administration will inform students if they have successfully completed all required skills.
- c. The student will leave the Campus.
- d. Students will be notified by the Administrative Secretary via email when to sign up for Clinical Shifts.
- e. This will be after the student's vaccination record, and or declination forms are verified through EMS Health Clearance.
- f. The school will contact successful students the following day with Clinical Instructions

#### **Unsuccessful Re-Test Policy**

- a. The student will be notified if they are unsuccessful on a re-test
- b. The student will not continue in testing after a skill is failed

- c. The student will sign a counseling form acknowledging the skill they failed
- d. The student will be dismissed from the Program and will leave the campus.
- e. The student will be contacted by staff within a reasonable timeframe to discuss any questions and explore opportunities for future classes.

## **Covid Vaccination**

OCEMT does not require the COVID-19 vaccination for enrollment into its Paramedic Program; however, most Clinical Sites do. For this reason, non-vaccinated students may have significant delays in being placed for Clinical Internships or an inability to be placed at all. Students who do not complete a Clinical Internship cannot complete the Program.

## **Required Vaccinations**

Students are required to purchase EMS Health Clearance to store vaccination records and have access to them throughout the Program. Vaccinations and declinations can vary from site to site, however the most common are listed below:

## 1) TB skin test: PPD

- a) Must be current within the last 6 months and kept current while enrolled.
- b) Positive PPD, or history of TB, requires a written chest x-ray clearance from MD within the last 12 months.

## 2) MMR: Measles, Mumps, Rubella

- a) Must show proof of two MMR immunizations
- b) Positive titers for all three (MMR)
- c) If both the TB Skin Test and MMR are needed, MMR must be administered with the second TB skin test

## 3) Varicella Series: VZV

- a) Positive titer or immunization
- 4) Hepatitis B Series & Titer (Quantitative)
  - a) No waivers or declinations will be accepted
  - b) Must have proof of all three shots in the series and HBV titer results

#### 5) TDP: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis

- a) A tetanus booster within the last year, or
- b) If you have not received a tetanus booster within the last ten years, you MUST get a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, & pertussis) vaccination.

#### 6) Seasonal Influenza

- a) Must be current each year or sign a flu declination form
- b) You must have this prior to clinical rotations.
- 7) Covid
  - a) COVID-19 vaccinations are not required to enroll in the course
  - b) Proof of a Negative COVID-19 test may be needed throughout the course if the student has been sick, or if requested by Clinical and Internship sites.

#### **Non-Discrimination Enrollment Procedure**

OCEMT will not discriminate against enrolling a student from any gender, race, ethnicity, age, or disability. All students must meet the entrance requirements and are evaluated equally through the selection process.

#### **Non-Discrimination Policy for Faculty**

OCEMT will not discriminate against any faculty, employee, or prospective employee based on gender, race, ethnicity, age, or disability. Faculty will be hired in accordance with the requirements listed in Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4 of the California Code of Regulations.

## **Student Substitution for Staff**

At no time will a student be substituted for staff during the Clinical Internship, Field Experience Internship, or Capstone Field Internship.

#### **Medical Insurance**

Students are responsible for their own Medical Insurance to cover any health-related issues that may arise during the Didactic, Clinical, and Field Internship sections of the course, including any exposures that require medical attention during the Program.

#### **Complaint Procedure**

"A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education by calling (888) 370-7589, or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the Bureau's Internet Web site.

#### **Attorney Fee's**

Students who are enrolled in the Course and have signed an Enrollment Agreement are responsible for the Program's Legal Fees if any legal action is taken against the Program and a Court, Attorney, or Legal Magistrate rules in favor of the Program.

## **Grooming Policy**

- 1) Students must maintain a professional appearance at all times
- 2) Students must be well-kept at all times
- 3) Hair must be combed and neat in appearance
- 4) Hair must not extend beyond the neckline
- 5) Hair beyond the neckline must be kept in a bun
- 6) Males must be clean-shaven at all times; beards are not permitted.
- 7) Moustaches must be trimmed: handlebar style moustaches are not permitted
- 8) Deodorant must be worn, and body odor is not acceptable
- 9) Oral hygiene must be maintained
- 10) Nails must be trimmed and clean

#### **Uniform Policy**

- 1) Private students will wear their OCEMT-issued uniform.
- 2) Private students must wear their blue OCEMT Intern under shirt during Internships.
- 3) Sponsored Students will wear their Department-issued Class B uniform.
- 4) Black Shoes or boots may be worn until the start of Field Internships.
- 5) Black steel-toed boots must be worn during the Field Internship.
- 6) OCEMT or Department hats may be worn
- 7) Inappropriate or offensive tattoos must be covered at all times
- 8) Tattoos may or may not have to be covered during internships at the discretion of the Clinical or Field Internship Sites' policies.
- 9) Students may wear Navy Blue PT shorts and their OCEMT undershirt with tennis shoes, for workouts and to bed.
- 10) Students who do not follow the Uniform Policy may be dropped from the course.

#### **Code of Ethics**

- 1. The Emergency Medical Technician PM provides services based on human need, with respect for human dignity, and without regard to considerations of nationality, race, creed, color, or status.
- 2. The Emergency Medical Technician does not use professional knowledge and skills in any enterprise detrimental to the public's well-being.
- 3. The Emergency Medical Technician respects and holds in confidence all information of a confidential nature obtained in the course of professional work unless required by law to divulge such information.

- 4. The Emergency Medical Technician shall maintain professionalism and demonstrate concern for the competence of other members of the Emergency Medical Services health care team.
- 5. An Emergency Medical Technician assumes responsibility in defining and upholding standards of professional practice and education.
- 6. An Emergency Medical Technician has the responsibility to be aware of and participate in matters of legislation affecting the Emergency Medical Service System.
- 7. The Emergency Medical Technicians, or groups of Emergency Medical Technicians, who advertise professional service, do so in conformity with the dignity of the profession.
- 8. The Emergency Medical Technician has an obligation to protect the public by not delegating to a person less qualified any service that requires the professional competence of an Emergency Medical Technician
- 9. The Emergency Medical Technician will work harmoniously with and maintain confidence in Emergency Medical Technician associates, nurses, physicians, and other members of the Emergency Medical Services healthcare team.
- 10. The Emergency Medical Technician refuses to participate in unethical procedures and assumes the responsibility to expose the incompetence or unethical conduct of others to the appropriate authority in a proper and professional manner.

## **Licensing Requirements**

Before a graduate can obtain entry-level employment as a licensed paramedic, the graduate must complete the National Registry Certification Exam and the National Registry Practical Skills with a passing score. The NREMT Exam is offered at eight (8) Pearson Vue Educational Centers located throughout the State of California. The National Registry Practical Skills exam is offered at various colleges throughout California and can be found on the NREMT Website. After successfully completing the exams, graduates can obtain a State Paramedic license through the CA State EMSA office. Once received, candidates can apply for jobs as an Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic.

#### **Refund Policy**

OCEMT has established a fair and equitable refund policy for the refund of tuition, fees, and other institutional charges in the event a course is cancelled, a student does not enter the course in which they enrolled, or does not complete the period of enrollment for which the student has been charged.

#### **Refund Procedure**

- 1. Notify Administration of your intention to drop the Course through email, writing, phone, or in person.
- 2. Administration will confirm that your request to drop has been received.
- 3. The date of confirmation will start the Refund period.
- 4. Refund amounts will be issued per the Criteria listed below
- 5. Refunds will be issued through PayPal or by check to the address listed at the time of enrollment
- 6. Refunds, when due, must be made without requiring a request from the student
- 7. Refunds, when due, shall be made within 45 days of the last day of attendance if (a) written notification of withdrawal has been provided to OCEMT by the student, or (b) from the date OCEMT terminates the student from the course, or (c) OCEMT determines withdrawal by the student.
- 8. Retention of tuition and fees collected in advance for a student who does not commence class shall not exceed \$100.

#### **Refunds for Classes Canceled by OCEMT**

If tuition and fees are collected in advance of the program's start date and the institution cancels the class, 100% of the collected tuition and fees must be refunded. The refund shall be made within 45 days of the planned start date.

## Mandatory Cancellation, Withdrawal, and Refund Policies

An institution that does not participate in the federal student financial aid programs shall do all of the following:

(a) The institution shall advise each student that a notice of cancellation shall be in writing, and that a withdrawal may be effected by the student's written notice or by the student's conduct, including, but not necessarily limited to, a student's lack of attendance.

(b) The bureau may adopt by regulation a different method of calculation for instruction delivered by other means, including, but not necessarily limited to, distance education.

(c) The institution shall have a refund policy for the return of unearned institutional charges if the student cancels an enrollment agreement or withdraws during a period of attendance. The refund policy for students who have completed 60 percent or less of the period of attendance shall be a pro rata refund.

(d) The institution shall pay or credit refunds within 45 days of a student's cancellation or withdrawal.

#### Refunds for Students Enrolled Prior to Visiting the Institution:

Students who have not visited the school facility prior to enrollment will have the opportunity to withdraw without penalty within three days following either attendance at a regularly scheduled orientation or following a tour of the facilities and inspection of the equipment.

## **Refund Period**

The refund period begins on the first day of Course One and Skills Lab One and ends on the last day of Course Four and Skills Lab Four.

#### **Refund Policy**

The refund policy for students who have completed 60 percent or less of the Didactic Attendance Period shall be a pro-rata refund. The refund policy applies to both the Didactic and Skills Lab Courses that run concurrently.

#### The following guidelines apply to all refunds.

- 1) No refunds are issued for the course in which the student exits the Program.
- 2) Pro-Rated refunds are issued for courses not attended by the student that follow the course in which the student exits the Program.

Example: A student exiting the Program during Course One will have a pro-rated refund for Courses Two, Three, and Four.

Students who exit the Program after attending orientation will have the following Program Expenses deducted from their refund

a) Enrollment Fee: \$250.00

b) Uniform Fee: \$250.00

c). Skills Lab Fee: \$500.00

Total Deductions: \$1,000.00

3. Refunds will not be provided to students who exit the Program after Course Four

#### **Refunds After Course Commences**

Exit Point	Course/Lab Name	Percent Refunded	Amount Refunded	
Course One	Airway	90%	\$11,700.00	
Course Two	Cardiac	80%	\$10,400.00	
Course Three	Medical	70%	\$9,100.00	
Course Four	Trauma	60%	\$7,800.00	
Course Five	OB/Pediatrics	No refunds issued	0	
Course Six	Operations	No refunds issued	0	
Final Examinations	Final Examinations	No refunds issued	0	

#### **Student Health and Safety**

See the Health and Safety Plan found in the student access section of the program website at <u>www.ocemt.edu</u> or request a copy from the Administrative Secretary

#### **Student Grievance Procedure**

If you feel that your rights have been violated, follow the procedure below:

#### 1) Informal Process

a. Notify the instructor and or Administrative Faculty

b. If Unresolved, file a formal complaint

#### 2) Formal Process

a. Send a written complaint to the Chief Administrative Officer.

b. If Unresolved, the formal process continues.

#### 3) Investigation

a. OCEMT will investigate the grievance & will respond within two weeks of the filing b. If Unresolved, file an appeal within 5 days of the decision.

#### 4) Appeal

a. Send a written appeal to the OCEMT Board of Trustees through the Program Director.

b. A decision will be made available to the student within 30 days of submission.

c. If unresolved, send a written complaint to the BPPE or COE

#### **Council on Occupational Education**

7840 Roswell Road Building 300, Suite 325 Atlanta, GA 30350 Phone: (800) 917-2081 Website: council.org

"Any questions a student may have regarding this course catalog that have not been satisfactorily answered by the Institution may be directed to the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education at 1747 N. Market Blvd, Ste 225, Sacramento, CA 95834, <u>www.bppe.ca.gov</u>, (888) 370-7589 or by fax (916) 263-1897."

#### **Required Student Records**

Orange County EMT shall maintain records of the name, address, email address, and telephone number of each student enrolled in an educational program within the institution. Orange County EMT shall maintain, for each student granted a degree or certificate by this institution, permanent records of all of the following:

- 1. The EMT-P course completion certificate is granted, along with the date on which that degree or certificate was granted.
  - a. The courses and units on which the certificate or degree were based

- b. The grades earned by the student in each of those courses.
- **2.** Orange County EMT shall maintain, for a period of not less than five years, at its principal place of business in this state, complete and accurate records of all of the following information.
  - a. The educational programs offered by this institution and the curriculum for each
  - b. The names and addresses of the members of this institution's faculty and records of the educational qualifications of each member of the faculty.
  - c. Any other records required to be maintained by this chapter, including, but not limited to, records maintained pursuant to Article 16

## **Student Tuition Recovery Fund Disclosures**

"The State of California established the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at a qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, and suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition.

You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program."

(b) In addition to the statement required under subdivision (a) of this section, a qualifying institution shall include the following statement in its school catalog:

"It is important that you keep copies of your enrollment agreement, financial aid documents, receipts, or any other information that documents the amount paid to the school. Questions regarding the STRF may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, 1747 N. Market Blvd, Ste 225, Sacramento, CA 95834, <u>www.bppe.ca.gov</u>, (888) 370-7589 or (916) 574-8900.

To be eligible for STRF, you must be a California resident or are enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid or deemed to have paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following:

1. The institution, a location of the institution, or an educational program offered by the institution was closed or discontinued, and you did not choose to participate in a teach-out plan approved by the Bureau or did not complete a chosen teach-out plan approved by the Bureau.

2. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution within the 120 day period before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, or were enrolled in an educational program within the 120 day period before the program was discontinued.

3. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution more than 120 days before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, in an educational program offered by the institution as to which the Bureau determined there was a significant decline in the quality or value of the program more than 120 days before closure.

4. The institution has been ordered to pay a refund by the Bureau but has failed to do so.

5. The institution has failed to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federal student loan program as required by law, or has failed to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the institution in excess of tuition and other costs.

6. You have been awarded restitution, a refund, or other monetary award by an arbitrator or court, based on a violation of this chapter by an institution or representative of an institution, but have been unable to collect the award from the institution.

7. You sought legal counsel that resulted in the cancellation of one or more of your student loans and have an invoice for services rendered and evidence of the cancellation of the student loan or loans. To qualify for STRF reimbursement, the application must be received within four (4) years from the date of the action or event that made the student eligible for recovery from STRF.

A student whose loan is revived by a loan holder or debt collector after a period of non-collection may, at any time, file a written application for recovery from STRF for the debt that would have otherwise been eligible for recovery. If it has been more than four (4) years since the action or event that made the student eligible, the student must have filed a written application for recovery within the original four (4) year period, unless the period has been extended by another act of law.

However, no claim can be paid to any student without a Social Security number or a taxpayer identification number."

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94803, 94877, and 94923, Education Code. Reference: Sections 94923, 94924, and 94925, Education Code.

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Course	Course	Course Title	Credit	Lectu	Lab	Clinical	Field	Field
Sequence	Number		Hr.	re Hr.	Hr.	Hours	Exp.	Hr.
1	EMTP-1	Airway	1.5	80				
2	EMTP-1L	Airway Lab	0.5		26			
3	EMTP-2	Cardiac	1.5	64				
4	EMTP-2L	Cardiac Lab	0.5		26			
5	EMTP-3	Medical	1.5	48				
6	EMTP-3L	Medical Lab	0.5		20			
7	EMTP-4	Trauma	1.5	40				
8	EMTP-4L	Trauma Lab	0.5		26			
9	EMTP-5	OB/Pediatrics	1.5	56				
10	EMTP-5L	OB/Pediatric Lab	0.5		20			
11	EMTP-6	Operations	1.5	56				
12	EMTP-6L	Operations Lab	0.5		18			
13	EMTP-7L	Clinical Lab	0.25		16			
14	EMTP-7CI	Clinical Internship	2			168		
15	EMTP-8L	Field Internship Lab	0.25		16			
16	EMTP-8FI	Field Internships	6				24	576
17	EMTP-9	Licensure	0.5		16			
Total	17		21	344	184	168	24	576
Program To	otal: 1296		•	•	•		•	

# **Program Credits by Course**

# **Course Content**

Course One: Airway Course ID: EMTP-1 Hours: 80

Airway Skills Lab Course ID: EMTP-1L Hours: 26

Course Two: Cardiac Course ID: EMTP-2 Hours: 64

Cardiac Skills Lab Course ID: EMTP-2L Hours: 64

Course Three: Medical Course ID: EMTP-3 Hours: 48

Medical Skills Lab Course ID: EMTP-3L Hours: 20

**Course Four:** Trauma Course ID: EMTP-4 Hours: 40

Trauma Skill Lab Course ID: EMTP-4L Hours: 26

Course Five: OB/Pediatrics Course ID: EMTP-5 Hours: 56

**OB/Pediatrics Skills Lab** Course ID: EMTP-5L Hours: 20

**Course Six:** Operations Course ID: EMTP-6 Hours: 40

**Operations Skills Lab** Course ID: EMTP-6L Hours 18 Course Seven: Clinical Internship

Section 1: Clinical Skills Lab Course ID: EMTP-7L Hours: 16

Section 2: Clinical Internship Course ID: EMTP-7C Hours: 164

Course Eight: Field Internship

Section 1: Field Internship Skills Lab Course ID: EMTP-8L Hours: 16

Section 2: Field Experience Course ID: EMTP-8FI Hours: 24

Section 3: Field Internship Course ID: EMTp-8FI Hours: 384

Section 4: Capstone Internship Course ID: EMTP-8FI Hours: 192

**Course Nine:** Terminal Competencies Course ID: EMTP-9 Skills Lab: 16 Hours

Summative Exam Psychomotor Exam Affective Evaluation