EMT-B Program Overview

This intensive one quarter program includes lectures, hands on skills practice, and clinical practice experiences. The curriculum covers an introduction to emergency care, bleeding and shock, soft tissue injuries, environmental emergencies, lifting and moving patients, emergency childbirth, and prepares students for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians examination (NREMT). Students must pass with a C (2.0) or higher to complete the program and be eligible to sit for the NREMT examination. The program is offered twice a year, in the Fall and Spring.

The BTC Emergency Medical Technician program does not grant certification as an EMT. Upon program completion students must apply for and pass the NREMT exam, and must be *Affiliated/Sponsored* before they are eligible for WA State EMT Certification. Affiliated/Sponsored means that you are working for or volunteering with a fire agency, ambulance company, or another agency that has an affiliation number with WA State. Non-affiliated students have one year from the date of course completion to meet the affiliation requirement to be certified by WA State Department of Health. BTC cannot assist students with becoming affiliated. Non-affiliated applicants should contact an EMS provider in their area about sponsorship. Affiliated/sponsored students will be given priory entry into the program. Students will need to provide acceptable proof of affiliation/sponsorship.

A clinical practicum is included in the program which occurs in the emergency department of the local acute care hospital. Students must complete the clinical placement requirement process to be cleared to attend the clinical practicum portion of the program.

Schedule

Program classes are typically Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after 6pm, and all-day Saturday. Attendance is important for program completion. No more than 8 total cumulative absent hours are allowed for the entire program. Students may not miss any mandatory skills labs or testing days. There is no way to make-up missed classes, labs or clinical practicum hours. A sample schedule available on the EMT program webpage.

Program Requirements

- Students may be 17 years of age at the start of the program but must be 18 upon program completion
- High school diploma or transcripts, or GED certificate
- Complete the Guided Self-Placement process
- Valid driver's license or current government issued photo ID
- Essential Requirements: students must be able to lift and move up to 125 lbs., and possess critical thinking skills in a fast passed, dynamic environment
- Complete the clinical placement requirement process, which includes background check, drug screen, TB screening, immunizations, and CPR certification.
- Computer and high-speed internet access.

Program Costs (costs are estimates and subject to change)

- **The EMT program is NOT eligible for Financial Aid as it does not meet the federal criteria for funding**. Military Veterans can use GI Bill® education benefits*****, see the BTC website Student Financial Resources for more information.
- Tuition and fees: Approx. $1900
- Textbook/Access Code Bundle: Approx. $300.00 (non-refundable)
- Complio Account: Approx. $120 (non-refundable)
- BP Cuff, Stethoscope, Wristwatch: $100+

Tuition Refunds: 100% refund if a student withdraws from a class through the fifth instructional day of the quarter. 50% refund if a student withdraws after the fifth instructional day through the 20th calendar day of the quarter.

* GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site: https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.

EMT Clinical Placement Requirements

Students must meet the following clinical partner agency requirements in order to be eligible for placement in a clinical rotation. The clinical requirement placement process begins after registering for the EMT class.

Complio/American DataBank (bellinghamtechcompliance.com)

Students are required to create a Complio/American DataBank account (usually referred to as just Complio). Information on how to create an account and initiate the process will be emailed after registering for the EMT class. The cost for Complio will be approximately $120. Students will use Complio for their background check, drug screen, and immunization and other document tracking for the duration of the EMT Program.

Criminal History Background Check & Drug Screening

Students must pass a criminal history background check and 10-panel urine analysis drug screen. Background check and drug screen results will only be accepted through Complio, students may not complete these through another vendor or agency. Please note the following:

- Creating your Complio account and paying for the services will initiate the background check and drug screen process. Follow the instructions within Complio to complete all steps including finding a lab and scheduling the drug screen sample collection.
- Drug Screen details:
  - Negative drug screen results should be available within 3 business days after collection.
  - Dilute urine samples (sample is too watered down) require re-screening within five business days, and that part of the fee will need to be paid again. Two dilute samples will be considered a positive result.
  - If something is flagged/the test is non-negative it will be sent to a Medical Review Officer (MRO) for review. The MRO will contact you by phone with next steps.
    - After review, if final drug screen results are officially deemed positive the student will be ineligible to participate in the program for one year.
  - Marijuana is considered a banned substance by our clinical agency partner. Students who test positive for marijuana will not be eligible to attend clinical rotations.
  - *BTC staff cannot be involved in the drug screening process in any way.*
- Information on the background check process and disqualifying crimes can be found in the Criminal History Background Check Self-Disclosure form at the end of this document. Students with disqualifying crimes (including those still pending) are will not be eligible for clinical rotations.

CPR Certification

Students are required to be American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider CPR certified throughout the entire program. If a student is already certified with the correct CPR credentials (BLS Provider from AHA), and that certification will remain valid through the end of the program, there is no need to take the course again. Courses sponsored by an agency other than AHA are not acceptable. Courses can be taken at any AHA Training Center, including BTC, but the correct BLS Provider course must be taken.

- Visit the Continuing Education Class Search page to find BTC course offerings of AHA 201
- Search for AHA Training Centers here: https://atlas.heart.org/home

Regardless of where it's taken, the class must include an in-person, hands-on skills check off. Online courses that do not include in-person, hands-on skills are not acceptable.

Health Insurance

Students must submit proof of current health insurance coverage. Student Injury-only insurance is acceptable and information on how to enroll is available on the BTC Student Resources page. Health insurance must be current throughout the duration of the program and students should update their info on file if there are any changes.

Tuberculous Screening (TB test)

One of the following methods of TB screening is required to show proof of negative TB status:

- **2-Step Skin Test (PPD):** A two-step is an initial injection is given and the body's reaction is then "read" (analyzed) by a nurse or doctor 48-72 hours later. The test must be repeated (second step) no earlier than one week from the 1st reading. A typical schedule is as follows:
  1. Initial appointment – first test (injection) is done
  2. Second appointment (48-72 hours after receiving the first test) – results are read
  3. Third appointment (1 to 3 weeks after reading of the first test) – second test (injection) is done
  4. Fourth appointment (48-72 hours after receiving the second test) – results are read
- **QuantiFERON/T-Spot** (manufactured by IGRA)**:** is a blood test that is ordered by your healthcare provider and done at a lab. Results typically take 24-48 hours.
- **Chest x-ray and annual symptom review:** is usually done only for people who have tested positive for TB from either the TB skin test or blood test. Students who were born outside the United States may have received a vaccination that now shows up as a positive result on the skin test. Proof of a negative chest x-ray is required, but students do not need to get an x-ray every year. To maintain current with this type of screening students need to have their healthcare provider complete an annual symptom review.

Immunizations

EMT students must have proof of all required immunizations submitted through Complio before they can attend clinical rotations. All records submitted must show student/patient's full name.

- **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella):** proof of complete two dose vaccination series in your lifetime or positive titers indicating immunity to all three Measles, Mumps and Rubella is acceptable.
- **Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis):** proof of having received one Tdap booster immunization *since 2006*. Students are encouraged to be up to date on their stand-alone tetanus vaccination as well but is it not required.
- **Varicella:** proof of complete two dose vaccination series in your lifetime or positive titers indicating immunity.
- **Hepatitis (Hep) B:** proof of complete vaccination series (this could be 2 or 3 injections) or positive titers indicating immunity. Temporary compliance will be granted for 5 weeks between injections until the series is complete.
- **Influenza (Flu):** students are required to obtain a flu vaccine for the current season, or to have an approved medical exemption. Proof of vaccination must include name of medication (to show it is for the current flu season), date given, and practitioner/location where your vaccination was administered.
- **COVID-**19: must be fully vaccinated. To be considered fully vaccinated, two weeks must have passed since the date of the second dose or first dose for the one-dose vaccine. Proof of vaccination must include name of the vaccine received, dates of vaccinations, and practitioner/location where your vaccination was administered. Medical, religious or philosophical exemptions cannot be accepted for clinical placement.

Next Steps – after registering for the EMT class

The clinical placement requirements process begins after you have been registered for the EMT class.

1. You may begin gathering your immunization records immediately, even if you will not be submitting them right away. It can take time to locate records, and you will need to know if you will need to get new vaccines which could require multiple injections over several weeks so please take that in to account.
   - The WA Department of Health (DOH) offers online access to the vaccine registry at https://wa.myir.net/. Registration and account creation are required.
2. Complete an AHA BLS Provider CPR class. (See details in CPR section above.)
3. You will receive an email from the EMT Program with instructions for creating an account and submitting documentation to Complio (bellinghamtechcompliance.com), as well as deadlines for fully completing clinical requirements.
4. Once you have received instructions, begin uploading all documentation to Complio. See the last page of this document for tips on how to electronically sign the required clinical placement forms.

For questions about Complio/American DataBank (bellinghamtechcompliance.com), please contact Program Specialist Tracy Weber at tweber@btc.edu

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PROOF OF AFFILIATION FORM

Must be completed by affiliated agency staff. Only required for sponsored applicants.

Applicant Name (please print): _____

Agency/District: _____

Chief/Supervisor (print name): _____

Phone: _____

Signature of Chief or Supervisor: _____ Date: _____