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1. Do I need to apply to the EMT Program to enroll in the EMT Basic course?

No, the EMT Basic course (EMST 105) is an 'open enrollment' course. The only prerequisites are that a potential student be over the 18, have a high school diploma or GED, and be able to lift 125 pounds independently.

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2. What if I'm under the age of 18, or still in high school?

Students under the age of 18, or still in high school may be considered for enrollment in the EMT Basic (EMST 105) course under the College's Parallel Enrollment Program (PEP). Students interested in this option should refer to the PEP page in the college catalog for additional information.

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3. Do I need to be a member of a fire or EMS department to apply to the EMT Program?

Yes, applicants to the EMT Program (NOT the EMT Basic course) must have affiliation/be a member in good standing with a Maryland fire, EMS, or commercial provider organization. Applicants from outside of Maryland, members of the military, or those without a Maryland affiliation should contact the EMT Program director prior to applying to the Program to discuss their options.

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4. Are there prerequisites to applying to the EMT Program?

Applicants who are entering at the first year of the EMT Program (EMT Basic to EMT Intermediate) are STRONGLY encouraged to have completed with a grade of "C" or better, MATH 111 or MATH 135, and BIOL 220 Anatomy & Physiology I prior to application.

Applicants who are entering at the second year of the EMT Program (EMT Intermediate to Paramedic) MUST have completed with a grade of "C" or better, MATH 111 or MATH 135, and BIOL 220 Anatomy & Physiology I prior to application.

NOTE: both mathematics courses and the Anatomy & Physiology I course have prerequisites; consult the course descriptions in the college catalog for details.

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5. Can I transfer my credits for EMT courses from other higher education institutions toward a Certificate or Degree in Emergency Medical Technology at CCBC?

The CCBC EMT Program will accept/transfer up to 6 credits for an EMT Basic course taken through the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute (MFRI) or other accredited higher education institution. Advanced Life Support (ALS) courses completed at other higher education institutions are not accepted or transferable.

NOTE: under a special agreement of articulation between the CCBC EMT Program and the Baltimore County Fire Department's Fire Rescue Academy (FRA), credit for ALS courses completed at the FRA may be applied toward completion of a CCBC Associate Degree in General Studies. FRA graduates should contact the EMT Program director for additional information.

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6. How long does it take to complete the EMT Certificate or Degree program?

Students who attend as full time (>12 credits/semester) can complete either the Certificate or Degree programs in two (2) years; part time students (< 12 credits/semester) typically complete the Program in about three (3) years.

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7. Is the CCBC EMT Program eligible for student financial aid?

Yes. Applicants should refer to the College's Financial Aid office for additional information.

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8. Tell me more about tuition reimbursement program for those who volunteer as EMS providers in their community.

The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) has a scholarship program that offers tuition reimbursement for students enrolled in a college level education program leading to a Certificate or Degree in Emergency Medical Technology, who are also volunteer or career members of a Maryland fire or EMS provider organization. This program offers reimbursement for education up to and including a Master's degree. Applicants should refer to the MHEC web site for additional information and to download an application.

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9. What types of jobs are available and how much can I earn after becoming an EMT or Paramedic?

According to the Maryland Occupational Projections for 2000-2010, employment for EMT's and Paramedics is projected to increase by almost 40%. EMT's and Paramedics are employed by fire and EMS departments, and commercial EMS organizations. Average starting salaries for EMT's is \$ 13.60 per hour, with Paramedic's starting between \$ 16.00 and \$ 20.00 per hour.

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