

PATHWAY TO CERTIFICATION STARTS HERE



STEP 1

Sign up for Emergency Medical Technology (EMT04), the cornerstone of PVCC's training program. This one-semester program incorporates four elements of learning – classroom instruction, lectures, labs, hands-on training – and teaches:

- Patient assessment
- Treatment initiation
- Airway management
- Immobilization techniques
- Cardiopulmonary (CPR) and cardio-cerebral resuscitation (CCR)
- Monitoring blood glucose



STEP 2

Once registered for class, visit www.paradisevalley.edu/fire/emt for the comprehensive EMT packet or stop by Building L on the Union Hills Campus.

Upon completion of the class, you will earn your certificate of completion and be eligible to take the National Registry Cognitive Exam for EMT. You will receive your EMT certification upon passing the national NRC exam.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING AN EMT! WANT MORE?



STEP 3

To advance your level of certification and education, apply to PVCC's Paramedic Education Program. Take the entrance exam and complete an interview with PVCC faculty for eligibility.



STEP 4

PVCC's Paramedic Education Program is 14 months and incorporates:

- Traditional classroom lectures
- Hands-on skills practice and training
- Opportunities to put skills into action with clinical and vehicular rotations.



STEP 5

Upon completion of the program, you will earn the CCL in Paramedicine and be eligible to take the National Registry Cognitive Exam for Paramedic. Credits earned can be applied to the Associate's Degree in Paramedicine (3889).

Earn Credit for Prior Learning/On the Job Experience

PVCC offers a Credit by Exam process for prior learning that awards credit if you have previous EMS experience and education based on professional standards set forth by the AZ Department of Health Services (AZDHS) and National Registry of EMTs (NREMT).

EMT AND PARAMEDIC EDUCATION

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ON ANY GIVEN DAY, emergency medical technicians and paramedics are the first to arrive in a person's time of need during a medical crisis. Patients' lives often depend on first responder's quick decision making and competent care during a medical emergency. EMTs and paramedics are trained to screen for basic and advanced prehospital care and perform initial assessments of illness or injury, including respiratory, cardiac, and trauma situations.

EMT vs Paramedic

Believe it or not, there are significant differences between Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics; the latter, requiring a deeper level of education and training.

Let's compare!

“ If you have considered a career in emergency medical services, PVCC is the place for you. ”



Emergencies include:

- + Heart attacks
- + Strokes
- + Diabetic emergencies
- + Altered levels of consciousness
- + Life and death circumstance



EMT

EMTs oversee patient assessment in various types of emergencies, having basic knowledge to properly manage patients' illnesses and injuries onsite.

An EMTs skill set includes:

- Airway maintenance
- Oxygen administration
- Controlling bleeding
- CPR/CCR
- Administering limited medication



Paramedic

Paramedics receive training beyond that of an EMT, including Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and can assess patients more in depth, while offering more advanced care such as:

- Advanced airway management
- Intravenous access techniques
- Expanded medication administration
- Cardiac arrest/defibrillation management

Nationally Accredited Paramedic Education Program

Upon earning your EMT certification, there are multiple options to further your skill set including completing Paradise Valley Community College's Paramedic Education Program. The program is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and maintains national accreditation by adhering to professional education standards established by CAAHEP and the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

With a proven track record of success in educating students, PVCC's respected program is led and taught by life-long fire and medical service professionals, leading to one of the highest success rates for National Registry certification in Arizona. A career in the EMS field includes many levels and paves the way for employment with fire departments, ambulance companies, aeromedical services, and more.