HILL COLLEGE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROFESSIONS

Additional Admission Requirements/Program Information

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Welcome to the EMS Professions at Hill College.

We wish you success in the pursuit of your educational endeavors.

Program Goal

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

Program Philosophy

The Hill College EMS Professions prepares students to care for people in the pre-hospital setting. The focus of this educational process is on developing students’ skills to make well thought-out clinical assessments to base the best treatment plan for the patient. With the majority of the curriculum focuses on preparing students with the skills to care for patients in an emergency crisis, we also feel that it is equally important to recognize that the majority of what EMS Professionals do on a daily basis is to help people who are not in emergent life-threatening situations. The Hill College EMS Professions expects the student to embrace the aspect of the profession by showing respect and compassion for every person they encounter during and following their training/education.

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Being an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) takes a certain kind of individual. A pre-hospital care provider is a person who can assimilate and internalize the essential medical knowledge along with an understanding of patient care and a realization of the inherent stress of the occupation. Fostering a TEAM atmosphere among the students, along with the academics, is a goal of this course so that each and every student is able to reach their full potential as a well-rounded EMT.
EMS Code of Ethics

Professional status as an Emergency Medical Technician and Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic is maintained and enriched by the willingness of the individual practitioner to accept and fulfill obligations to society, other medical professions, and the profession of EMS. As an Emergency Medical Technician, I solemnly swear myself to the following code of professional ethics:

A fundamental responsibility of the Emergency Medical Technician is to conserve life, to alleviate suffering, to promote health, to do no harm, and to encourage the quality and equal availability of emergency medical care.

The Emergency Medical Technician provides services based on human need, with respect for human dignity, unrestricted by consideration of nationality, race, creed, color, or status.

The Emergency Medical Technician does not use professional knowledge and skills in any enterprise detrimental to the public well-being.

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 divulging such information.

The Emergency Medical Technician, as a citizen, understands and upholds the law and performs the duties of citizenship; as a professional, the EMT has the never-ending responsibility to work with concerned citizens and other health care professionals in promoting a high standard of emergency medical care to all people.

The Emergency Medical Technician shall maintain professional competence and demonstrate concern for the competence of other members of the Emergency Medical Services health care team.

An Emergency Medical Technician assumes responsibility in defining and upholding standards of professional practice and education.

The Emergency Medical Technician assumes responsibility for individual professional actions and judgment, both in dependent and independent emergency functions, and knows and upholds the laws which affect the practice of the EMT.

An Emergency Medical Technician has the responsibility to be aware of and participate in matters of legislation affecting the EMS system.

The Emergency Medical Technician, or groups of EMTs, who advertise professional service do so in conformity with the dignity of the profession.

The Emergency Medical Technician has an obligation to protect the public by not delegating to a person less qualified, any service which requires the professional competence of an EMT.

The Emergency Medical Technician will work harmoniously with and sustain confidence in EMT associates, the nurses, the physicians, and other members of the EMS health care team.

The Emergency Medical Technician refuses to participate in unethical procedures, and assumes the responsibility to expose incompetence or unethical conduct of others to the appropriate authority in a proper and professional manner.

1 Written by: Charles Gillespie M.D. Adopted by: The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, 1978
Hill College

Philosophy

The Board of Regents, administrators, and faculty at Hill College are committed to the concept that our College be an open door to learning. With this goal in mind, we extend an educational opportunity to students of all ages who can profit from instruction. Every effort is made to provide equal access to the educational opportunities offered at Hill College without regard to race, creed, color, age, sex, national origin, or disability.

In keeping with this philosophy, Hill College recognizes and accepts the responsibility for providing curricula for university bound students, for students seeking career opportunities in a variety of occupations, and for persons of the community seeking cultural enrichment, short-term skill training, or personal improvement opportunities. The College will seek to achieve these goals within the limits of its legal responsibilities and available fiscal resources.

Mission Statement

Hill College will provide high quality comprehensive educational programs and services. The college enhances the educational, cultural, and economic development of its service area and assists both individuals and the community to prepare for a more productive life.

Core Values

Integrity
Educational Excellence
Student Success
Respect
Enthusiasm
Collaboration

"Respect" includes respecting differences, caring, and being "grounded in tradition."
"Enthusiasm" includes intellectual spirit.
"Collaboration" includes civic responsibility, communications, responsiveness, and innovation through creativity.
EMSP Contact Information

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EMS Professions Medical Director
Hill College EMS Professions

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### Developmental Coursework Requirements

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**Note:** EMSP 1501 and EMSP 1160 does not require specialized enrollment but the student MUST contact the EMSP department for specific program requirements before enrolling these classes.

**ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE DOES NOT GUARANTEE ADMISSION TO THE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM.**

The College and/or EMSP Department reserves the right to modify degree requirements based on approved curricular changes. Application deadline is July 1 for Fall admission Cleburne location and November 1 for Spring Entry Hillsboro location.

### Required Prerequisite Coursework

**MC: 8032** Emergency Medical Services Professions Paramedic Certificate of Technology 51 hours (TSI Required)

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**Certificate of Technology Academic Specific Courses**

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**Capstone Experience:** Successful Completion of the Texas Department of State Health Services certification for Paramedic.

Comments:
Transfer students should review all transcripts with an academic advisor to determine if the courses apply to this education plan.

Name:                       Student ID#:                      
Start Date:                 Semester/Year:                  
Texas State Initiative (TSI) status. Complete: ☐ Incomplete: ☐ (Complete section directly below).

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MC: 8034  Emergency Medical Services Professions Paramedic Associate of Applied Science 60 hours (TSI Required)

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* Special permission will be needed to enroll in ENGL 2311 without ENGL 1301 or ENGL 1302 combined pre-requisites. Students need to get permission from instructor prior to enrolling in ENGL 2311 without all pre-requisites.

Comments:
EMT (1 semester/ 6 college credits)

Admission Requirements/Program Information

1. Program schedules/times based on first class day of the semester.
   - Cleburne location: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 0900-1700 (Day class)
   - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 1800-2200 (Night class)
   - Hillsboro Location: Shift based class 0900-1700.
   - Clinical (both locations): Scheduled through scheduling program.
2. Clear Criminal Background – see background check policy in packet.
3. Valid government issued ID.
4. 11 panel drug test – see drug testing policy in packet.
5. Immunizations
6. CPR – American Heart Association BLS/Health Care provider. Must last entire course.
7. Major Medical Insurance.

NOTE: Items requirements 2-3 will carry over to the Paramedic program as long as the student does not have a break in enrollment.

Examples of a break in enrollment:
   1. You attended the Fall 2013 EMT class, you have not attended Hill College since course completion
   2. You attended Fall 2014, did not take Hill College classes Spring 2015 or Summer 2015

NOTE: TSI status must satisfy the State of Texas TSI requirement.

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Paramedic (18/24 month)
Additional Admission Requirements/Program Information

In Addition to EMT requirements the Paramedic student will need:

1. EMT course completion
   a. Documentation via State Certification of a valid unencumbered EMT Certification or transcript completion of with a “C” or better of EMSP 1501 and EMSP 1160.

2. Preferred course work (concurrent or pre-requisites)
   a. BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
   b. BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II

3. Paramedic Program schedules/times based on first class day of the semester.
   “B” Shift is 1800-2200 / Saturday 900-1700 (Excluding Sundays).
   “C” Shift is 0900 – 1700 (Excluding Sundays).
   Clinical: Scheduled through scheduling program.

4. HESI A2 with Critical Thinking minimum Passing:
   a. Will need a HESI A2 referral from the EMSP department
   b. Contact the Hill College Testing center to schedule the test 817-760-5815 or 254-659-7815
   c. Math 60%, Reading 70%, A&P 60%, Critical Thinking 700

5. 3 Professional and/or Academic References (must be on program specific reference form).
   a. Must be received mailed.
   b. Faxed, emailed not hand delivered references will not be accepted.

6. Optional academic course work completed with a “C” or better to complete AAS degree.
   a. ENGL 1301 English Composition I
   b. ENGL 2311 Technical Writing
   c. PSYC 2301 General Psychology

7. Health Screening/Physical Form. Must be on approved Hill College EMSP form.

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Hill College EMS Professions Classroom and Clinical Grading Policy

The grade of “C” is required to progress to the next semester.

The EMS Professions grading system is as follows:

- A = 90-100
- B = 80-89
- C = 75-79
- F = < 75

Academic Course Recommendations

BIOL 2401 & BIOL 2402 are preferred before admission to the EMS Professions Program.

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- Tuition and Fees are divided by 1 - 4 semesters and the cost depends on how many hours you are enrolled in for that semester. The above tuition quote is for out-of-district, in-district will be slightly lower.
- The fees for the books, uniforms/accessories, and your picture ID will be spread out over the semesters. Prices will vary on the books and uniforms depending on your purchase of new or used (approval required for used).
- NREMT testing, skills testing, and TDSHS application fees are only incurred after successful completion of the course.
- NR prep is during last semester.

**The above fees are approximate estimates for known costs only, the student needs to be aware that there will be other incidental costs that will occur during their year and he or she will be required to meet those costs as needed**

Obtain 2 uniforms for level of training selected.

**EMT** - 2 blue uniform shirts, 2 navy or black EMS style or Dickies pants, Solid black shoes/boots, black belt, 2 Hill College EMT undershirts, a watch with a second hand/second counter, and 2 Hill College EMS Patches. (patches & undershirts at campus bookstore)

**Paramedic** - 2 white uniform shirts, 2 navy or black EMS style or Dickies pants, Solid black shoes/boots, black belt, 2 Hill College EMT undershirts, a watch with a second hand/second counter, and 2 Hill College EMS Patches. (patches & undershirts at campus bookstore)

**Uniforms may be purchased at the following or at a location of your choice:**

- Unique Scrubs-N-More
  - 200 S. Ridgeway
  - Cleburne
  - 817-641-7878

- George Wood Clothing, Inc.
  - 120 Riverside Drive
  - Fort Worth
  - 817-834-8031

Course supplies (purchased at your location of choice):

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Immunization Requirements

- 2 MMR’s or positive serological titer
- Varicella 2 injection series or positive serological titer
- HEP B 3 injection series or positive serological titer
- Tetanus (within last 10 years)
- Tdap (once as an adult)
- Seasonal Influenza

CPR – American Heart Association BLS for Health Care Provider. No other CPR card accepted. No exceptions.

**NOTE:** _AFTER selection the student will be required to submit a physical (on the Health and Community Services approved form) and a negative 2 step TB results._

Candidates must be aware that clinical facilities may have other
Background Check and Drug Test Policy

Drug Test Policy:

11 panel drug test includes- Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Cocaine Metabolites, Marijuana, Methadone, Methaqualone, Opiates, Oxycodones, Phencyclidine, & Propoxyphene.

Submit to the Hill College EMSP program a money order payable to realPerformance for $42 by first class day. You will be notified after the first class day of the scheduled drug test. Failure to submit the drug testing payment by the posted deadline date will result in an automatic drug testing failure.

Background Check Policy:

Are you a certified EMT with Texas Department of Health Science?

If you answered yes, you can skip the background check with Verified Credentials. However, you must disclose any misdemeanor(s) or felony (felonies) on a separate sheet of paper with your signature. Make sure to provide all details of the incidents.

However, if you answered no, you must follow the directions below to complete the background check.

Background check must be paid for and in progress by first class day.

Hill College has partnered with Verified Credentials to manage your Background Check: using http://scholar.verifiedcredentials.com/hillcollege

How It Works:

1. Enter code for the program you will be attending located above the “Get Started!” button on the right side of the page
2. Create an account
3. Enter all required information
4. Provide supporting documentation
5. Track your progress
6. Information will automatically be shared with your school

If you have any questions, our Client Services Team is ready to assist you. Please call us at 800.938.6090 or email us at ClientServices@verifiedcredentials.com.

Health and Community Services and EMS Program

BBKPC-26727
Health and Community Services
Professional (NO PERSONAL) Recommendation Form

Applicant’s name (Print): ____________________________________________

This evaluation will be considered confidential unless otherwise noted below:

_____ I (applicant) retain all rights to review this recommendation.

_____ I (applicant) do not retain my rights to review this recommendation

I am applying for the following program:        _____ ADN       _____ ADN Transition

_____ Vocational Nursing       _____ Emergency Medical Services Professions       _____ Echocardiography

____________________________________
Applicant signature

Date

Applicant: References that are mailed directly from the evaluator will be the only references that will be considered acceptable.

Thank you for your time in the evaluation of this applicant. All information received will be part of the admission criterion for selection of all qualified applicants.

Evaluator - Please mail directly to either location:

Hillsboro Location: Hill College, Health and Community Services, 112 Lamar Dr., Hillsboro TX 76645

Cleburne Location: Hill College, Health and Community Services, 2112 Mayfield Parkway, Cleburne TX 76033

I have known this applicant for: __________ year(s) __________ month(s)

Relationship to applicant: ___ Employer/Supervisor ___Co-Worker ___ Professor ______________Other

Please rate the above applicant in each of the categories below:

Above Average = 3      Average = 2      Below average = 1      No Comment = 0      Not Applicable = NA

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Evaluator Name

Title

Mailing Address

City/State/Zip

Email

Telephone number:

Signature

Any further comments that you feel will better describe this candidate’s suitability as a candidate for possible selection into the Hill College Health and Career program are encouraged and can be included on the back of this form.
It is the policy of Hill College Health Science Department to require a health screening prior to enrollment. Medical examination is used to reduce the risk of contamination and the spread of communicable disease.

PRINT APPLICANT NAME: __________________________ DATE OF BIRTH: ____________
I, the above named applicant, will answer all questions accurately, to the best of my knowledge and understand this will be part of my student record.

I consent to the following diagnostic/screening examinations. I understand that follow-up examinations, consultations and treatment by a physician, if required, as a condition of enrollment will be at my own expense.

Applicant’s Signature __________________________ Date __________________

Note: (The physician must sign the bottom of the front and back)

Applicant: complete the following:

Have you had any of the following? Please circle yes or no and give date of the occurrence on the line provided.

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Arthritis:
Gout: yes ___ no ___
Rheumatism: yes ___ no ___
Fractures: yes ___ no ___
Head injury: yes ___ no ___
Tuberculosis: yes ___ no ___
Hepatitis: yes ___ no ___
Heart Trouble: yes ___ no ___
Fainting spells: yes ___ no ___
Epilepsy: yes ___ no ___
Asthma: yes ___ no ___
Skin Disease: yes ___ no ___
Hernia: yes ___ no ___

Any other condition(s) not covered above? __________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________

Have you lost more than two weeks from work or school due to injury/illness in the last 5 years?
YES______ NO ______ If yes, explain: ________________________________________________

(Print) HealthCare Provider (HCP) Name & Title: ______________________________________

Health Care Provider Address: _______________________________________________________

Health Care Provider Phone: _________________________________________________________

HCP SIGNATURE & TITLE: ____________________________________________ Date __________
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Physical Examination

Temp. _____ Pulse _____ Resp. _____ BP _____ Height _____ Weight_______

Significant Medical History: _____________________________________________________________

Diagnostic Examination Summary: _________________________________________________________

TB Screening:

Skin Test Results: __________________ Date: ______________

OR

Chest x-ray Results: __________________ Date: ______________

*CBC___________ *UA____________ *RPR____________ *Not a requirement

Physical: place X on line if examined:

Eyes ____________ Lungs ____________
Ears ____________ Extremities ____________
Nose ____________ Abdomen ____________
Throat ____________ Breast ____________
Teeth ____________ Heart ____________
Neck ____________

Findings: __________________________________________________________________________

Recommendations: _________________________________________________________________

NOTE: The student must have proof of one (1) Tdap (within 7 years) two (2) MMR’s and proof of varicella immunity, Hep B series complete or in progress, and major medical insurance. A serological (titer) confirmation of immunity for each of the required vaccinations will be sufficient for enrollment in the Health Science programs.

Seasonal Influenza (Sept. – March.): Date: ______________

Tdap - Completion Date: __________________________

MMR #1 – Completion Date: ______________ Measles #2 or MMR #2 Completion Date: _____________

Or Positive Titer Dates - Measles ____________ Mumps ____________ Rubella ____________

Hepatitis B #1 Date: ___________ Hepatitis B #2 Date: ___________

Hepatitis B #3 – Series Completion Date: ______________ or Positive Titer Date: _________________

Varicella (Chicken Pox) Vaccines #1____________ #2____________ or Positive Titer Date: _______________

Two Step TB test #1____________ #2____________

Is applicant physically and emotionally able to perform in assigned position? Yes No

♦ Emotional and physical health sufficient to meet the demands of the position
♦ Sustained walking/standing
♦ Strength sufficient to: lift patients, carry and balance up to 125 pounds (250 pounds with assistance)

HCP Signature & Title: _______________________________________________ Date _____________________

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Functional Position Description
ECA / EMT / EMT-I / EMT-P / LP

Introduction

The following general position description for the ECA, EMT, EMT-I, EMT-P and LP is provided as a guide for advising those interested in understanding the qualifications, competencies and tasks required for emergency medical services certification. It is the ultimate responsibility of an employer to define specific job descriptions within each Emergency Medical Services (EMS) entity.

Qualifications

To qualify for EMS certification or licensure an individual must successfully complete a Texas Department of State Health Services approved course and achieve competency in each of the psychomotor skills. In addition the individual must achieve a passing score on the state written certification or licensure examination.

EMS personnel must be at least 18 years of age. Generally, the knowledge and skills required show the need for a high school education or equivalent. EMS personnel must have the ability to communicate verbally via telephone and radio equipment; ability to lift, carry and balance up to 125 pounds (250 pounds with assistance); ability to interpret written, oral and diagnostic form instructions; ability to use good judgment and remain calm in high-stress situations; ability to work effectively in an environment with loud noises and flashing lights; ability to function efficiently throughout an entire work shift; ability to calculate weight and volume ratios and read small print, both under life threatening time constraints; ability to read and understand English language manuals and road maps; ability to accurately discern street signs and address numbers; ability to interview patient, family members and bystanders; ability to document, in writing, all relevant information in prescribed format in light of legal ramifications of such; ability to converse in English with coworkers and hospital staff as to status of patient. EMS personnel should possess good manual dexterity, with ability to perform all tasks related to highest quality patient care. Ability to bend, stoop and crawl on uneven terrain and ability to withstand varied environmental conditions such as extreme heat, cold and moisture is vital. The ability to work in low light, confined spaces and other dangerous environments is required.

COMPETENCY AREAS

ECA – Emergency Care Attendant

The ECA must demonstrate competency handling emergencies utilizing all Basic Life Support equipment and skills in accordance with all behavioral objectives in the United States Department of Transportation (DOT)/First Responder curriculum and the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) document entitled “Recognizing and Identifying Hazardous Material,” and to include aids for resuscitation, blood pressure by palpation and auscultation, oral suctioning, spinal immobilization, patient assessment and adult, child and infant CPR. Automated external defibrillation is a required skill.

EMT-Emergency Medical Technician

The EMT must demonstrate competency in handling emergencies utilizing all Basic Life Support equipment and skills in accordance with all behavioral objectives in the DOT/EMT Basic curriculum. In addition, the information contained in the FEMA document entitled “Recognizing and Identifying Hazardous Material” shall be part of the course curriculum.

Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate/Advanced EMT
The minimum curriculum shall include all content required by the portions of the current national paramedic education standards and competencies as defined by the DOT which address the following areas:

- roles and responsibilities of the paramedic;
- well being of the paramedic;
- illness and injury prevention;
- medical/legal issues;
- ethics;
- general principles of pathophysiology;
- pharmacology;
- venous access and medication administration;
- therapeutic communications;
- life span development;
- patient assessment;
- airway management and ventilation, including endotracheal intubation; and
- trauma

In addition, the information contained in the FEMA document entitled “Recognizing and Identifying Hazardous Material” shall be part of the course curriculum. Manual external defibrillation is an optional course skill.

**Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic and Licensed Paramedic**

A minimum curriculum shall include all content required by the current national paramedic education standards and competencies as defined by the DOT.

In addition, the information contained in the FEMA document entitled “Recognizing and Identifying Hazardous Material” shall be part of the course curriculum. Manual external defibrillation is a required skill.

**Description of Tasks:**

Receives call from dispatcher, responds appropriately to emergency calls, reads maps, may drive ambulance to emergency site, uses most expeditious route and observes traffic ordinances and regulations.

Determines nature and extent of illness or injury, takes pulse, blood pressure, visually observes changes in skin color, auscultates breath sounds, makes determination regarding patient status, establishes priority for emergency care, renders appropriate emergency care (based on competency level); may administer intravenous drugs or fluid replacement as directed by physician. May use equipment (based on competency level) such as but not limited to, defibrillator, electrocardiograph, performs endotracheal intubation to open airway and ventilate patient, inflates pneumatic anti-shock garment to improve patient’s blood circulation or stabilize injuries.

Assists in lifting, carrying, and transporting patient to ambulance and on to a medical facility. Reassures patients and bystanders, avoids mishandling patient and undue haste, searches for medical identification emblem to aid in care. Extricates patient from entrapment, assesses extent of injury, uses prescribed techniques and appliances, radios dispatcher for additional assistance or services, provides light rescue service if required, provides additional emergency care following established protocols.

Complies with regulations in handling deceased, notifies authorities, arranges for protection of property and evidence at scene. Determines appropriate facility to which patient will be transported, reports nature and extent of injuries or illness to the facility, asks for direction from hospital physician or emergency department. Observes patient in route and administers care as directed by physician or emergency department or according to published protocol. Identifies diagnostic signs that require communication with facility. Moves the patient into the emergency facility from the ambulance. Reports verbally and in writing concerning observations about the patient, patient care at the scene and in route to facility, provides assistance to emergency staff as required.

Maintains familiarity with all specialized equipment. Replaces supplies, sends used supplies for sterilization, checks all equipment for future readiness, maintains ambulance in operable condition, ensures
ambulance cleanliness and orderliness of equipment and supplies, decontaminates vehicle interior, determines vehicle readiness by checking oil, gasoline, water in battery and radiator and tire pressure.

RULE §157.37 Certification or Licensure of Persons with Criminal Backgrounds

Clinical facilities have the right to refuse any student to attend clinical rotations at their facility for any issue related to an eligibility issue. If this occurs, the student will not be able to continue in the EMS program.

Failure to disclose a potential eligibility issue not found by the Hill College EMS Professions will be considered unethical behavior and will constitute dismissal from the program without cause.

“Hill College policy prohibits the unlawful manufacture, possession, use, sale, transfer, or purchase of a controlled substance or designer drug on campus. It is also a violation of College policy for anyone to unlawfully possess, use, or be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or controlled substance on the campus or a College related activity off-campus”

If drug test comes back positive, student will not be allowed to register for the EMS Professions. The student further acknowledges that at any point within his/her educational experience the student may be required to do further drug testing and/or background checks if the program director in consultation with the instructor(s) feel there is sufficient evidence to warrant further investigation.

Persons applying for initial Texas EMS certification/licensure with a criminal conviction:

A person shall be disqualified from eligibility to acquire an EMS certification, or a person’s initial or renewal application for EMS certification or paramedic licensure shall be denied, or a person’s EMS certification or paramedic license, whether active or inactive, shall be revoked if the petitioner, applicant, certificate, or licensed paramedic is convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication community supervision or deferred disposition for an offense committed on or after September 1, 2009 listed in Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 42.12, Sections 3g(a)(1)(A) through (H) as follows:

(1) murder;
(2) capital murder;
(3) indecency with a child;
(4) aggravated kidnapping;
(5) aggravated sexual assault;
(6) aggravated robbery;
(7) substance abuse offenses, as described in Health and Safety Code, Chapter 481, for which punishment is increased under:
   (a) Health and Safety Code, §481.140, regarding the use of a child in the commission of an offense; or (b) Health and Safety Code, §481.134(c), (d), (e) or (f), regarding an offense committed within a drug free zone, if it is shown that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense for which punishment was increased under one of those subsections;
(8) sexual assault;
(9) An offense, other than an offense committed on or after September 1, 2009, for which the person is subject to register as a sex offender under Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 62.

Criminal offenses NOT LISTED ABOVE are subject to a department review which may lead to denial, suspension, or revocation.