



Explore a Career as an EMT/PARAMEDIC

What do Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics do?

Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics are healthcare professionals who provide emergency treatment, including advanced life support to patients in emergency situations. EMTs and paramedics assess the urgent medical needs of a patient and stabilize their condition until doctors can administer more specific and extensive treatment. When transporting a patient in an ambulance, one EMT or paramedic may drive the ambulance while another monitors the patient's vital signs and gives additional care. They are able to use life-saving medications and equipment. Many emergency medical technicians and paramedics work on ambulances, emergency response teams, hospital emergency rooms, and remote workplaces such as oil rigs. They may also transport patients from one medical facility to another.

Training & Educational Opportunities

EMTs and paramedics must complete a postsecondary educational program and earn a certificate. They must also be a licensed emergency medical technician. Typically, a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification is required for entry into a postsecondary educational program.

As an EMT or Paramedic you will:

- Assess a patient's condition and determine a course of treatment
- Document medical care given to patients
- Inventory, replace and clean supplies and equipment
- Report observations and treatment to physicians, nurses, etc.
- Respond to 911 calls for emergency medical care
- Transport patients safely in an ambulance

Paramedics are in demand in Livingston County!

Livingston County employment of paramedics is expected to increase through 2020. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics recognizes the job outlook for this career as growing much faster than average.

Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic

Training Providers

The following certified training providers offer programs and certifications to train for a career as an EMT or paramedic:

- Heartland Community College
- Kankakee Community College
- Illinois Valley Community College

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



Types of Employers

There are many types of employers looking to hire EMTs and paramedics in Livingston County, including:

- Air ambulance services
- Government agencies
- Ground ambulance services
- Hospitals
- Medical services companies

Wages & Openings

Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic Employment Data for Livingston County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$9.69
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$21.31
Average Annual Job Openings Livingston County	~10
Annual Job Openings Bloomington Peoria Region	81

Opportunities

After earning your certificate as an EMT or paramedic, you will have many opportunities for advancement. Some opportunities include:

- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Paramedic Operations Coordinator
- Physician Assistant
- Registered Nurse



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