

Emergency Medical Technician / Paramedic

PANHANDLE

Average Wage
\$12.22

*Average Annual
Job Openings*
5

<i>Employment in</i>	
<i>2004</i>	<i>2014</i>
200	250

TEXAS

Average Wage
\$13.10

*Average Annual
Job Openings*
560

<i>Employment in</i>	
<i>2004</i>	<i>2014</i>
12,900	17,000

UNITED STATES

Employment in
2006
196,190

Female 67%
Minority 39%

EMPLOYMENT CODES

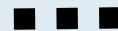
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*Emergency Medical
Technicians and Paramedics*

JOB DESCRIPTION

Administer first aid treatment and transport sick or injured persons to medical facility, working as a member of an emergency medical team.



SKILLS AND APTITUDES NEEDED

- ◆ Emotionally stable
- ◆ Good agility, dexterity, and physical coordination
- ◆ Ability to lift and carry heavy loads
- ◆ Good eyesight (corrective lenses may be used) with accurate color vision



Depending on the nature of the emergency, Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) are dispatched to the scene by a 911 operator and often work with police and fire department personnel. Once they arrive, they determine the nature and extent of the patient's condition while trying to ascertain whether the patient has preexisting medical problems. Following strict procedures, they give appropriate emergency care and transport the patient. At the medical facility, EMTs help transfer patients to the emergency department, and report their observations and actions to staff.

EMTs work both indoors and outdoors, in all types of weather. They are required to do considerable kneeling, bending, and heavy lifting. They risk noise-induced hearing loss from sirens and back injuries from lifting patients. EMTs may be exposed to diseases such as Hepatitis-B and AIDS, as well as violence from drug overdose victims or psychologically disturbed patients. The work is not only physically strenuous, but also stressful, involving life-or-death situations and suffering patients. Because emergency services function 24 hours a day, EMTs may have irregular working hours.

PANHANDLE AREA PUBLIC TRAINING PROVIDERS

Training Provider	Direct	Related	Education Offering
Amarillo College Amarillo, Dumas, Hereford	√		A.A.S. (Associate in Applied Science Degree), Emergency Medical Services Professions Major
		√	Certificate of Completion (Emergency Medical Services Professions))

For information on Panhandle Area private training providers or public training providers outside of the Panhandle Area, please refer to the Resource Index.

LICENSE/CERTIFICATION

Required: Certification by National or State Registry for Basic or Intermediate EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)

Required: Must re-register every two years and earn required continuing education credits

HIGHEST EMPLOYMENT LEVELS BY INDUSTRY

Local Government	32%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	29%
General Medical/Surgical Hospitals	29%
School/Employee Bus Transportation	5%
Employment Services	1%
Self-employed/Unpaid Family Workers	1%
Support Services	1%

FOR MORE INFORMATION

National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, P. O. Box 1400, Clinton, MS 39060, (800) 346-2368, <http://www.naemt.org>

National Highway Transportation Safety Administration, EMS Division, 400 7th St. SW., Washington, DC 20590, (888) 327-4236, <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/portal/site/nhtsa>

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, Rocco V Morando Building, 6610 Busch Blvd., P.O. Box 29233, Columbus, OH 43229, (614) 888-4484, <http://www.nremt.org>

Texas Department of State Health Services, Bureau of Emergency Management, 1100 West 49th St., Austin, TX 78756, (512) 834-6700, Regional Office, 1109 Kemper, Lubbock, TX 79403, (806) 767-0488, <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hcq/ems>

For additional website sources, please refer to the Resource Index.

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