
SYLLABUS – EMS 112B - 1001

Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate/85

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Textbook: AAOS's INTERMEDIATE EMERGENCY CARE OF THE SICK AND INJURED (Required)
WORKBOOK TO ACCOMPANY AAOS's INTERMEDIATE EMERGENCY CARE OF THE SICK AND INJURED (Required)

Length/Times: Monday/Wednesday, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

I. OUR TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

We try to provide the best environment possible for students to learn the didactic material and psychomotor skills to become certified as an Emergency Medical Technician-Enhanced in the State of Nevada. This course will also prepare students to pass the National Registry exam in the event they would like to become nationally certified. We will be as fair as possible and give every opportunity for students to excel in the course. However, we also believe that students **MUST** be prepared to give the time and energy to the course by coming to class ready to learn and by participating in practice sessions; this means students will have read the assigned chapter prior to coming to class. **We also require students to conduct themselves in a professional manner in the classroom/in the lab/and in the clinical setting.**

This course requires a great deal of TIME and STUDY. It is very difficult to catch up if you fall behind by missing class. **This course follows the DOT (Department of Transportation) standards; therefore, it is to THOSE standards the course will be conducted.**

Finally, we encourage an environment of open communication, so feel free to discuss any problems or concerns you may have. Please do this by making an appointment by calling us at the above listed telephone numbers.

II. COURSE GOALS

The course is designed to instruct students to the level of Emergency Medical Technician-Enhanced, who serve as a vital link in the chain of the health care team. It is recognized that the majority of prehospital emergency medical care will be provided by the EMT-Enhanced. This course includes all skills necessary for the individual to provide emergency medical care at a basic life support level with an ambulance service or other specialized agencies. After successful completion of the program, the student will be capable of performing the following functions at the minimum entry level:

- Recognize the nature and seriousness of the patient's condition or extent of injuries to assess requirements for emergency medical care;
- Administer appropriate emergency medical care based on assessment findings of the patient's condition;
- Lift, move, position and otherwise handle the patient to minimize discomfort and prevent further injury; and,
- Perform safely and effectively the expectations of the job description.

The content of this course includes the following subject matter:

- Overview of the human body
- Medical-Legal-Legal Issues of EMS
- Assessing Emergency Scenes and prehospital victims
- EMT-Enhanced Pharmacology
- Respiratory and Cardiac Emergencies
- Drug and Alcohol related crises
- Environmental and Behavioral emergencies
- Trauma Emergencies
- Emergency Childbirth and Pediatric Emergencies
- Functioning in the prehospital care environment

****WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE TO THE SYLLABUS AND/OR OUTLINE AT ANY TIME****

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. Attendance and Participation

Learning is both content and process. Students **must** be present in order to learn. This includes active participation in class discussion and skills practice. **This means you must be punctual and do not leave class or skills labs without permission of the instructor.**

Labs are required. Any failure to participate will result in dismissal. Lab folders are the students responsibility and must be signed in full in order to take the skills and state final exams.

Students who are continually tardy will be asked to drop the class, so please plan to arrive on time. **Tardiness will be deducted from the total hours that you can miss (see attendance policy below); also make up work will be assigned if tardy is in excess of 5 minutes.** Students who are continually tardy **will be dropped from the class!**

The DOT (Department of Transportation) regulations state that **“students may not miss more than 16 hours of the course, or they will be dropped. NO EXCEPTIONS.”** For each session that must be missed, make up work is required to be turned in. **If you miss either the beginning half (including being more than 15 minutes late), or the last half, you are also required to complete make-up work. However, make-up work does not make up the hours missed!**

If make up work is not turned in on the due date, 5 points will be taken from the following quiz. Make up assignments are listed on the course outline, and is **due within 1 week of the absence.** It must be typed, double spaced.

Make up work must be stamped with date and time and handed to the instructor. **If make-up work is not turned in, the State EMS Office will not allow students to take the certification exam.**

At the beginning and end of each class session, **ALL STUDENTS MUST SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET**. **Signatures on the attendance sheet must be signed in readable and legible penmanship**. This is conducive to documentation in the field. If you didn't document it, you didn't do it.

Students are also required to activate their student account through TMCC by the end of the first week of school. This email address is used for important information regarding the course. Information on class cancelation, news, and missing work will be sent through the TMCC email account. You don't want to miss this.

If you decide to drop the course at any time, you must drop the class from Web-Reg or go to admissions and records to receive a W, otherwise you will receive an F for the class at the end of the semester and it cannot be appealed.

B. Examinations and Assignments

Exams	5 exams, 1 Drug, and FINAL	600 points	60%
Skills	Airway, trauma, medical, IV /IO, drug administration.	250 points	25%
Quizzes	8, 10question quiz	80 points	8%
Work Book	As assigned	70 points	7%

10% points will be subtracted per week for late work.

You are responsible for keeping track of your grades!

Exams are returned to the students for review ONLY. No test materials are to be taken from the classroom. **During this review, grades have not yet been posted.** If exams are not returned to the instructor, a zero grade will be given. **The exams are housed in the EMS office and will be reviewed with students again during the exit interview toward the end of the semester. Each exam is graded on a percentage basis.**

Important notice: Any missed exams or quizzes which have not been taken during the regularly scheduled times, will be given at a special make-up test session near the end of the course.

C. Grading Scale

100%-93% = A	90%-92% = B+	84%-89% = B
80%-83% = C+	75%-79% = C	74% - 70% = D
69% and Below=F		

Students must have a 75% cumulative average to be able to take the final state written and skills exam. If a student has less than a 75%, they will be dropped from the class at that time.

D. Dress Code

Students must dress in uniform. One TMCC EMS polo will be furnished to each student, and it **must** be worn to all class sessions. Polos **must be tucked in at all times** during labs. Extra Polos are available by order for a fee of \$20.00 each. If students do not show up in uniform, they will be sent home to change. Dark blue/black pants will be worn with closed-toed, dark shoes. No open toed shoes will be allowed. Students may purchase pants at Nevada Uniform located on 235 Keystone Ave. Reno, NV 89503. Please get these early, pants go fast. They also provide free alterations, if needed.

E. Ethical Conduct

Cheating on exams and quizzes is against UCCSN system policy and will not be tolerated. Any student caught cheating on an examination or displaying unethical conduct such as disturbing others during lecture or videos, argumentative or unruly behavior will meet with the following persons:

- Medical Director
- State EMS Department representative
- Course Coordinator
- Instructor
- 1 Teaching Assistant

Any argumentative, unruly or threatening behavior displayed in the classroom will result in the instructor contacting the TMCC police, and participating parties will be escorted off campus.

We ask that if you are bored with any portion of the class, please be "politely bored." Sleeping in class, reading in class, or doing other work in class will not be tolerated. You may leave the classroom if you wish and complete the make-up for that session.

F. Clinical Rotations

To be eligible for the State Certification Examination, students must show proof of a minimum of (2) 8 hour hospital rotations (Renown and/or St. Mary's), and a (2) 12 hour field experiences (REMSA, Banner-Chruchill, OR RENO FIRE etc.). Students will have to opportunity to sign up for a total of four rotations during the semester.

Unless you are bumped from your rotation by the agency, **there will be no rescheduling for any reason!!!** Clinical Problems should be directed to Steve Tafoya, Clinical Coordinator @ 842-4059.

You must bring the following with you to each clinical site:

- TMCC photo ID badge (photos must be taken at the Starting Point on the first floor of the student services building before the first clinical/ride-along. They are free but do not count as your student I.D.)
- A watch with a second hand, stethoscope, pen and paper, lunch
- An evaluation form
- Be dressed appropriately: Students must wear their uniforms from class which include the TMCC EMS polo with dark blue/black pants, closed-toed dark shoes, hair clean and pulled away from face, facial hair neatly trimmed, no dangly earrings, and NO "facial" jewelry allowed. Fingernails clean, and of moderate length, Light make-up and mild scents only. Offensive body odor must be controlled. No gum chewing or food in the clinical area(hospitals only).

Please arrive 15 minutes early to each clinical site.

G. Materials/Equipment Needed For Class

Each student is expected to purchase a stethoscope and bring it to the clinical site and the lab sessions (actually the inexpensive stethoscopes are best for class and work quite well). Consult the yellow pages for hospital supply companies and the local drug stores. The TMCC bookstore may also stock these. **You do not need to purchase an expensive stethoscope, the inexpensive ones work just as well!**

H. Immunizations-Medical Insurance And Current CPR Card

Every student should have turned in a copy of his or her Health Care Provider CPR card, copy of your driver's license and proof of medical insurance prior to registration.

Copies of your **MMR, TB, TD**, and the **first two Hepatitis B** immunizations, **Varicella** vaccination (chickenpox) or **waiver** if contracted as a child, **drug screen**, and **background check** must be turned in as well. You **MUST** have had at least one Hep. B shot by the start of class and the second by the time you go to your first clinical site. (Those born before 1957 will be exempt from the hepatitis B shot.)

Students will not be allowed to continue in the class if these are not turned in after the first week.

All students must be 18 years old by the first day of class – NO EXCEPTIONS

National Registry Examination

Upon successful completion of the EMT-Intermediate/99 course you are eligible to take the EMT-Intermediate/85 National Registry exam which is put on by the state, consisting of a computer based test and skills evaluation. Computer based tests are done by Pearson VUE testing Centers and the skills portion will be done at the end of this course. National Registry applications are available online at www.NREMT.org.

IV. STATE PAPERWORK

Upon successful completion of the final skills and written exam, students will be given two forms to complete.

- 1) A white completion form which must be signed by the medical director and coordinator.
- 2) Course evaluation form

The following paperwork MUST be must be turned in prior to the skills exam:

- All make up work
- Clinical rotation forms (4)
- Final skills exam check off sheets
- Home-work assignments
- Exams and Quizzes

V. RECERTIFICATION

Your EMT-Enhanced recertification will be due in two years (Spring students, 18 months). EMT's will receive notice of recertification and a list of agencies providing the classes (make sure your address is current at the State office). **Do not wait until the last minute!** TMCC always provides recertification classes during the months of September, October, and November. **Do not wait until the last minute or you may not get into a class. TMCC offers CPR renewal during this class as it is the responsibility of the EMT to keep their CPR certification current and proof of CPR certification must be sent in with renewals.**

VI. CPR

This course does not include CPR, however all CPR skills will be evaluated. All students are expected to be proficient in CPR skills. You must also keep your CPR certification current during the semester. This is for the clinical rotations that you are required to attend. **You will need to bring a copy of the current CPR card to the Practical Exam at the end of the semester.**

VII. MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Our course medical director is Lanning Andrews, M.D., an Emergency Physician at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. Dr. Andrews' function as medical director is to approve curriculum, be present at the exit interview and skill testing, and be made aware of any problems that occur during class. The Medical Director is responsible for all decisions dealing with conduct, grades, skills, etc. (See ethical behavior)

VIII. SEXUAL HARASSMENT

See college catalog for TMCC's policy on sexual harassment.

IX. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

Qualified students with documented disabilities have the right to free accommodations to ensure equal access to educational opportunities at Truckee Meadows Community College. For assistance and clarification of services provided under the ADA, contact the Disabled Student Services Office, 673-7277 or 673-7286.

Memorandum of Understanding

This document must be turned in by the second class period

I, _____, acknowledge receipt of a course syllabus and course schedule. I understand I have enrolled in a class that is held to higher grading standards than that of normal TMCC courses and will do my best to maintain the higher standard. I have had an opportunity to ask questions regarding my expectations. I further agree to abide by these standards and expectations, which includes the ethical and behavioral standards.

Signature

Date

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone Number (best number to be reached)

E-mail (**required**)