

## Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics

**Beginning salary:  
\$31,700**

**Median income:  
\$60,800**

### Occupation Description

People's lives often depend on the quick reaction and competent care of emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics. Incidents as varied as automobile accidents, heart attacks, slips and falls, childbirth, and gunshot wounds all require immediate medical attention. EMTs and paramedics provide this vital service as they care for and transport the sick or injured to a medical facility.

### Education and Training Needed

A high school diploma is usually required to enter a formal emergency medical technician training program. Training is offered at progressive levels: EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate, and EMT-Paramedic.

### Training Providers

[University of the District of Columbia](#)  
Center for Workforce Development  
4200 Connecticut Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20008  
(202) 274-7182

### Emergency Medical Technician Training Program

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[Northern Virginia Community College – Medical Education Campus](#)  
6699 Springfield Center Drive  
Springfield, VA 22150-1913  
(703) 822-6500

### Associate's Degree in Emergency Medical Services Technology