



# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE ACADEMY

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## Frequently Asked Questions – EMT course

### 1. What are the minimum requirements to apply to the program?

The minimum requirements are available online at: <https://swfpsa.org/course/emt-2/>

### 2. Is an entrance test required?

Yes. You will be required to provide TABE test scores dated no earlier than two years before the course start date as part of the application process.

### 3. What is the cost of the program?

Please see our website and the application documents online for the most updated information. We update ASAP, but fees are subject to change without notice.

### 4. Is financial aid available for this program?

Yes, but you may need to apply. You can apply for financial aid by filling out your FASFA online (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>). Choose **Fort Myers Technical College** (the Academy is an extension of FMTC) as your school choice. The Federal School Code is 007558. After completing the application, you can contact Fort Myers Technical College to ask what else may be required.

We also accept the Post 911 GI Bill, Career Source, Florida Prepaid, & Bright Futures.

### 5. What payment methods are accepted?

Check, Debit or Credit Card.

### 6. When is payment due?

ALL fees are due on the final Orientation Day. If your financial aid source has not provided payment, you are responsible for payment and will be reimbursed at a later date.

### 7. How long is the program?

The program typically runs 11 weeks. We have classes at SWFPSA on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 0800 (8am) to 1700 (5pm) with a 1-hour lunch break. These classes are partially didactic (lecture) and partially psychomotor (skills & scenarios). Students must also complete field internship on an ambulance and clinical internship at hospitals on non-class days.



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#### **8. Will my background check disqualify me?**

Any conviction of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving perjury or false statement will disqualify you from consideration. All other questionable backgrounds will be reviewed by the Program Coordinator for final approval.

It is important to note that Program acceptance does not guarantee certification. SWFPSA makes no guarantee that any specific offense will be cleared by the Florida Department of Health as this is beyond our control.

#### **9. Is this program accredited?**

SWFPSA is approved by the Florida Department of Health (DoH) to provide the Emergency Medical Technician program. The SWFPSA adheres to the standards put forth by the DoH and Florida Department of Education (DoE). We also follow the curriculum frameworks published by the DoE for the Emergency Medical Technician-Applied Technical Diploma (ATD).

The DoE recognizes, through the curriculum frameworks, 11 college credits for the EMT-ATD program. It is up to the individual educational institution on how the credits are matriculated.

#### **10. How do I apply?**

Visit the SWFPSA website at <https://swfpsa.org/> and under “Courses”, select EMT. After verifying that you meet the minimum requirements, print out the EMT Application Forms & Documents. Read the directions on the forms and online carefully.

#### **11. If I submit a complete application, will I get in?**

Submission of a completed application does not guarantee placement into the EMT course. The SWFPSA EMS Program uses a points based system to select applicants. We will only open enough seats to allow each recruit the best opportunity for course completion, industry certification, and subsequent employment.