Tidewater Community College has the state’s largest program in emergency medical services (EMS), and we are committed to helping you learn the skills and knowledge to serve on the front lines of health care.

TCC’s EMS program will prepare you to work in areas such as hospitals, fire and rescue departments, military, volunteer services, nursing homes, sports organizations, cruise ship lines, and other fields that require emergency services.

**PROGRAMS**

**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**
Complete in just 5 semesters / 66 credits

The associate degree provides individuals with the skills and expertise to deliver advanced emergency medical care as a paramedic for critical and emergency patients. You can achieve this degree in several steps. Course work qualifies students to sit for one or more exams administered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), the American Heart Association, and more!

**CAREER STUDIES CERTIFICATE IN CRITICAL CARE**
Complete in as few as 2 semesters / 19 credits

This program is available to registered nurses and paramedics who wish to enhance their training in patient critical care in a hospital setting or during a high-risk ground or flight transfer.

**TCC FAST FACT**

TCC’s STATE-OF-THE-ART, $32 MILLION REGIONAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS CENTER INCORPORATES A WIDE RANGE OF TEACHING LABS THAT SIMULATE REAL-WORLD MEDICAL ENVIRONMENTS, INCLUDING AMBULANCE BAYS.

**POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS**

Most EMS graduates enter public employment as members of municipal and county fire/rescue squads, but they also find jobs in other fields that require emergency services.

**IS THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU?**

Yes, if you:

- have excellent communication skills
- can handle a physically demanding job
- are calm in stressful circumstances

**PROGRAM AVAILABILITY**

- Regional Health Professions Center in Virginia Beach, VA

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