

Victoria College

EMT Academy



Admissions Packet

Summer 2024

Introduction

Thank you for your interest and potential application to the Victoria College EMT Academy. If you are ready to start a career in Emergency Medical Services (EMS), then the EMT Academy is your answer. As an EMT, you will be the first component of the emergency medical technician system, and provide rapid in-field treatment and transport to higher medical providers. You will work in conjunction with paramedics, nurses, physicians, and other members of the health care team. Career options are available in urban and rural settings, primarily in conjunction with fire departments, private ambulances, or other rescue services.

The EMT course is an approved Department of State Health Service (DSHS) training program and after completion, the student is then eligible to seek DSHS certification after taking and passing the National Registry of EMT cognitive examination.

Summer Academy

Victoria College offers the EMT Academy during the summer semester during the day two days per week 0800-1700. The Summer Academy is 7 weeks long as a hybrid course with online lectures in Victoria meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays and in Gonzales meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays. **You must have a computer with reliable internet access.**

Next Available Academy

	Victoria	Gonzales
Online	May 15-May 29	May 15-May 29
Hybrid	June 3-July 31	June 4-Aug. 1
	M&W Labs	T&Th Labs

DEADLINE to be accepted: May 7, 2024 (or until full)

If you are interested in becoming an EMT or would like more information concerning the EMT Academy please contact us.

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Functional Position Description

Introduction

The following general position description for the EMR, EMT, AEMT and Paramedic is provided as a guide for advising those interested in understanding the qualifications, competencies and tasks required for emergency medical services certification. It is the ultimate responsibility of an employer to define specific job descriptions within each Emergency Medical Services (EMS) entity.

Qualifications

To qualify for EMS certification or licensure an individual must successfully complete a Texas Department of Health approved course and achieve competency in each of the psychomotor skills. In addition, the individual must achieve a passing score on the National Registry computer adaptive certification or licensure examination.

EMS personnel must be at least 18 years of age. The knowledge and skills required show the need for a high school education or equivalent. EMS personnel must have the ability to communicate verbally via telephone and radio equipment; ability to lift, carry and balance up to 125 pounds (250 pounds with assistance); ability to interpret written, oral and diagnostic form instructions; ability to use good judgment and remain calm in high-stress situations; ability to work effectively in an environment with loud noises and flashing lights; ability to function efficiently throughout an entire work shift; ability to calculate weight and volume ratios and read small print, both under life threatening time constraints; ability to read and understand English language manuals and road maps; ability to accurately discern street signs and address numbers; ability to interview patient, family members and bystanders; ability to document, in writing, all relevant information in prescribed format in light of legal ramifications of such; ability to converse in English with coworkers and hospital staff as to status of patient. EMS personnel should possess good manual dexterity, with ability to perform all tasks related to highest quality patient care. Ability to bend, stoop and crawl on uneven terrain and ability to withstand varied environmental conditions such as extreme heat, cold and moisture is vital. The ability to work in low light, confined spaces and other dangerous environments is required.

COMPETENCY AREAS

The EMT must demonstrate competency in handling emergencies utilizing all Basic Life Support equipment and skills in accordance with all behavioral objectives in the DOT/EMT Basic curriculum. The course shall include at least 150 clock hours of classroom, laboratory, clinical and field instruction which shall include supervised experiences in the emergency department and with a licensed EMS provider and other settings as judged appropriate by the Program Director. In addition, the information contained in the FEMA document entitled "Recognizing and Identifying Hazardous Material" shall be part of the course curriculum.

Academic Qualifications

You can take the TSI ASSESSEMENT TEST at Victoria College. The test will be administered in the Continuing Education (CEC) building. Registration for the test can be done in person in Payments located in the Student Services Building. If you have taken any assessment other than the TSI, then you must meet with advising for qualification.

Length of test: Up to 5 hours
 Test cost: \$12.00
 Supplies: Picture identification.

Prospective students are required to meet the entrance requirements below.

READING	WRITING	MATHEMATICS
950>	945 > Essay 5	950>

Tuition and Related Expenses

Estimate of Costs

(Prices are subject to change)

Description	Cost
In District Tuition	\$ 1,082.00
Out of district Tuition	\$ 1,364.00
Background Check & Drug Test	\$ 101.40
Testing and Lab fees	\$ 116.50
CPR Class	\$ 65.00
Text Books Available at Bookstore	\$ 365.34
Additional Supplies Available at Bookstore	\$ 100.99

Important: If you do not purchase your book at the VC Bookstore, use the same ISBN # with Advantage Access Navigate 2 or you will end up spending more money to get the right log in account.

Uniform Items:

- White EMT Academy Polo Shirt (Available at bookstore) \$38
- Blue Cargo Pants (511s available at Academy) \$80
- Black Belt \$25
- Black Boots and Socks (Tactical boots available at Academy) \$99
- Watch with Second Hand \$24

Additional Supplies:

- Must have computer/pad and internet access
- EMT Kit – available at bookstore \$60

Frequently Asked Questions

How many students are accepted into the program?

The number of students in the program is limited to 18 for the evening academy and 12 for the day academy (summer only). Applicants will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The first applicants who have successfully completed and returned all documentation will be accepted into the program. **We are a selective admissions program. You cannot register for this class online.**

What days and time will I be in class, and how much of the academy can I miss?

The summer EMT Academy meets online first then hybrid with online lectures and face to face reviews/labs. Victoria classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays 0800-1700 and Gonzales classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays 0800-1700. You are required attend 85% of all classroom instruction and 100% of all clinical training. Failure to meet this standard will result in termination from the academy. All labs are made up.

What would cause me to be terminated from the Basic EMT Academy?

Typically, poor attendance and poor academics account for a large part of class attrition. However, violations of a stringent code of conduct can result in termination. As an Emergency Medical Technician, you will be held to a higher ethical and professional standard than the average citizen and this is reinforced in our program.

Will I need to have a Criminal Background check conducted?

Yes, prior to registering for the EMT Academy, students who have been conditionally accepted must complete a criminal background check and drug test. Students are responsible for completing the background application process, paying all fees and checking Castle Branch.

Clinical facilities determine what constitutes an unacceptable background check. The student is responsible for working with the background check company to clear up any reporting discrepancies. If there is a criminal history that cannot be cleared up prior to the start of clinical, the student needs to apply to his/her respective professional board for licensure clearance. Student's cannot begin or continue their studies until the background check process is satisfactorily completed. Failure to meet all requirements will result in dismissal from the program and forfeiture of tuition and fees. **Our clinical affiliates require the flu vaccine.**

Victoria College is not able to, or responsible for, advising a student with criminal history on whether they are eligible for certification or licensure. All questions regarding eligibility should be directed to both the Texas Department of State Health Services and the National Registry of EMTs.

Is Financial Aid available?

Financial Aid is available for students enrolling at Victoria College. Assistance is available in the form of grants, loans, student employment, and scholarships. All students who feel that they need financial assistance are strongly encouraged to visit the Financial Aid Office to learn about the various sources of funds and to determine their eligibility.



**American Heart Association
BLS Provider**

Is the only CPR certification
Accepted by the EMS Program



CPR courses are offered through Victoria College
Please visit

<http://www.victoriacollege.edu/cprtraining>
Online CPR certification is not accepted

Or call 361-582-2412

TSI Assessment 2.0

Schedule the TSI Assessment 2.0

Complete these steps to schedule your TSI Assessment 2.0.

- Step 1** VC homepage > Getting Started > TSI Assessment
- Step 2** Click the green plus sign next to Registration & Payment Information
- Step 3** Complete the TSI Assessment 2.0 Pre-Assessment Activity. (This is mandatory.)
- Step 4** Visit Appointment Plus and log in if you already have an account or create an account if you are new.
- Step 5** Scroll down and choose the TSI Assessment, Webex Remote Testing, or Examity** from the Select Exam drop down box.
- Step 6** Scroll down and click the blue hyperlink date that you would like to take the exam (if the date is not blue, there are no more seats left on that testing date)
- Step 7** Read the information for your test, complete any required information and then click Continue.
- Step 8** Look for the green check mark and the message, "Your appointment has been confirmed!" and click the Print Confirmation button.

Fee & Info

\$12 - This fee can be paid online through Appointment Plus or in person at the VC Payments Office. A valid, current photo I.D. is required for all testing (Driver's License, Passport, Military ID, Tribal ID, State/National/Province ID, school issue ID).

Available Times

In person (Main Campus)

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. + 1 p.m. - *3 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. + 1 p.m.

*Only one section can be taken at these times.

Remote Testing (Webex)

Thursday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Study Resources

<https://studentportal.accuplacer.org/#/home>

Two academic areas: Mathematics and English language arts and reading (ELAR)

Scores

TSI Assessment 2.0 Minimum College Readiness Scores		
Math Minimum Score:	950	5 year limit
Second Chance	Diagnostic Level 6	
ELAR Minimum Score:	945 and Essay Score of 5	
Second Chance	Diagnostic Level 5 and Essay Score of 5	

More Information

**For information on Testing Center guidelines and/or for details regarding our Remote Testing options visit:
www.VictoriaCollege.edu/TestingCenter OR
www.VictoriaCollege.edu/Explore/GettingStarted/TSI

Victoria College Testing Center

SPRING OFFICE HOURS:

Monday- Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PHYSICAL LOCATION:

VC Main Campus

*Continuing Education Center, Room 202

2200 E. Red River Street • Victoria, TX 77901

(361) 582-2589

Toll Free: (877) 843-4369

Fax: (361) 582-2473

TestingCenter@VictoriaCollege.edu

*The Victoria College Testing Center is located in the Continuing Education Center, which is at entrance number 1 (VC 1) off Ben Jordan Street. We are the first building on the right hand side. The office is located on the second floor, Suite 202.

VC Gonzales Center

424 E. Sarah Dewitt Gonzales, TX 78629

(830) 672-6251

Fax: (830) 672-6706



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How to Place Order

Welcome to myCB

To place your order go to:

<https://portal.castlebranch.com/VA99>

Package Name (if applicable):

VB04 - background check, drug test, & medical document manager

Place
Order

Select
Program

Select
Package

To place your initial order, you will be prompted to create your secure myCB account. From within myCB, you will be able to:

- ✓ View order results
- ✓ Upload documents
- ✓ Manage requirements
- ✓ Place additional orders
- ✓ Complete tasks

Please have ready personal identifying information needed for security purposes.

The email address you provide will become your username.

Contact Us: 888.914.7279 or servicedesk.cu@castlebranch.com

Application Process and Documentation Requirements

The EMS Program is a selective admissions program. You can only register for these classes in the Public Service office.

All students applying for the EMT Academy are required to complete and submit an application packet **prior** to being accepted into the program.

1. _____ Victoria College Admission Application

Complete Victoria College application at www.applytexas.org and provide the college with all required documents.

2. _____ Submit the EMT Application (included in this packet)

3. _____ Driver's License. Please bring in your original DL, we will not accept paper copies.

4. _____ TSI (Texas Success Initiative) complete. You can check with admissions or the the EMS Program Coordinator to view your TSI scores.

5. _____ Interview with EMT Program Coordinator

6. _____ Purchase Castlebranch and complete:

- **Immunization Document Manager**

_____ Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (DPT) within the last 10 years

_____ Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) vaccinations or serological confirmation of immunity

_____ Varicella (Chickenpox) or proof of disease, including serological confirmation of immunity

_____ Hepatitis-B Vaccination series or serological confirmation of immunity

_____ Two-step (one shot/read, second shot/read) Tuberculosis (TB) skin test. (*If positive, chest x-ray report is required.*)

_____ Meningitis Vaccine or Booster (*All new college students under the age of 22 must get a bacterial meningitis vaccination to be accepted into Victoria College.*)

_____ Current Flu Vaccine (*Must be completed prior to clinical if during flu season*)

_____ Covid-19 Vaccine (optional)

- **Criminal Background Check (input information where indicated)**

- **Drug Screen (print form to take to lab for drug test; results are uploaded from lab)**

After acceptance into the program: (Must be submitted by the 2nd week of class)

7. _____ Provide proof of current CPR Certification

CPR Classes are offered once a month at Victoria College by the Continuing Education Department. The cost of this class is \$70.00 + \$20.00 for required textbook. You can register for the class in room 100 of the Allied Health Building.

8-11. Items 8-11 in Castlebranch will be completed in class on the first class week.

Registration

Once you have met the entrance requirements and have submitted all required documentation, **you will receive an acceptance letter informing you that you have been accepted and registered in the EMT Academy.** The acceptance letter will inform you of the dates and times that you will be required to pay for the course at the payment center.

*ATTENTION: Persons applying for initial Texas EMS certification/licensure with a criminal conviction, deferred adjudication community supervision or deferred disposition:
A person shall be disqualified from eligibility to acquire an EMS certification, or a person's initial or renewal application for EMS certification or paramedic licensure shall be denied, or a person's EMS certification or paramedic license, whether active or inactive, shall be revoked if the petitioner, applicant, certificant, or licensed paramedic is convicted of or place on deferred adjudication community supervision or deferred disposition for an offense committed on or after September 1, 2009 listed in Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 42.12, Sections g(a)(1)(A) through (H) as follows:*

- (1) murder;*
- (2) capital murder;*
- (3) indecency with a child;*
- (4) aggravated kidnapping;*
- (5) aggravated sexual assault;*
- (6) aggravated robbery;*
- (7) substance abuse offenses, as described in Health and Safety Code, Chapter 481, for which punishment is increased under: (a) Health and Safety Code, §481.140, regarding the use of a child in the commission of an offense; or (b) Health and Safety Code, §481.134(c), (d), (e) or (f), regarding an offense committed within a drug free zone, if it is shown that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense for which punishment was increased under one of those subsections;*
- (8) sexual assault;*
- (9) An offense, other than an offense committed on or after September 1, 2009, for which the person is subject to register as a sex offender under Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 62. Criminal offenses NOT LISTED ABOVE are subject to a department review which may lead to denial, suspension, or revocation.*

Texas Department of State Health Services / EMS Trauma Systems / Personnel Initial Application Revised 01.2017

Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 53 Statutory Notification Requirement

I, _____, (print) have received, read, and understand the requirements for entry into Victoria College EMS Program. I understand one of the requirements is a clear criminal history background check. Should I have a criminal conviction or other information is found in violation of the current guidelines or state/local restrictions issued by the applicable licensing authority, I understand that I may be denied a license from the National Registry of EMTs and/or Texas Department of State Health Services. I also understand that, should I have a criminal history, I may not be hireable by an agency even though certified.

Having been provided this information, as required by Texas Occupations Code, Chapter, 53, notice regarding the consequences of a criminal conviction on eligibility for an occupational license, I wish to apply for entry into the Victoria College EMS Program. Any student or prospective student declared ineligible has the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from the licensing agency.

Applicant Printed Name

Applicant Signature

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(complete all fields or NA)

Name

Last	First	MI
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Social Security Number Date of Birth Age V #

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Mailing Address

Street/Apt. #		
City	State	Zip Code

Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
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Drivers License E-Mail Address

Number	State	
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Applying for course in: (circle one) Victoria Gonzales

Education History:

High School or GED Graduated City/State

Name	Yr Graduated	
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College Degree Earned

Name	Yr Graduated	Degree
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Technical Training

Name	Yr Graduated	Degree
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Military Service

Branch	Service Dates	Specialty	Discharge Type
If other than Honorable, please explain			

Additional Information:

Emergency Contact Name	Relation	Cell Phone	Home Phone
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<p>Do you have any issues that may impact your ability to be physically or academically successful in the EMT Academy activities? (If YES please explain)</p>
<p>Are you covered by personal medical insurance? YES NO</p> <p>_____ I understand that it is my responsibility to have adequate insurance to cover any medical treatment that I may encounter during the course of this program</p>
<p>Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation? YES NO (If yes, please list charges and dispositions)</p>
<p>Have you ever applied to or have you ever been a student in any EMT Program or are you associated with any Volunteer Department? (If yes, please explain)</p>

APPLICANT’S STATEMENT: I hereby affirm and declare that all information submitted on this form is true and correct. I understand that false statements or information on this application may be sufficient cause for dismissal from the program. Furthermore, it may be grounds for denial or loss of certification.

Applicant’s Printed Name: _____
 Applicant’s Signature: _____
 Date: _____

Informational only: done during class

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Agility Test (for your information only – done in class)

Skill	Pass	Fail
Carry drug box and airway bag 50 yards		
Load backboard to 250 lbs (with partner)		
Lift 250 lbs backboard to stretcher (with partner)		
Load 125 lbs stretcher in back of ambulance		

Partner: _____

Date: _____

Evaluator printed named: _____

Evaluator signature: _____