

Course Code: EMS 138

Course Title: EMT Work Practicum

Department: Allied Health

Effective Date: Summer 2026

PCS Code: 1.2 - Occupational/Technical Instruction

CIP Code: 51.0904

Repeatability: 0

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 0-20-3

Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 0

Lab: 2

Clinical: 18

Total: 3

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Transitions the student from classroom setting to the field, utilizing previously learned skills and knowledge to work in an ambulance as part of an effective healthcare team.

General Course Objectives

Work experience performing as an EMT in clinical field setting. Application of skills, knowledge, and technique necessary to function as an EMT as part of a healthcare team.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 098	Placement out of CCS 098	Placement into MAT 059

Prerequisites

Current State of Illinois EMT license

Approval of program director or department chair

Methods of Evaluation

25+ clinical evaluations by preceptor or patient assessments, observation and demonstration of skills, weekly performance and progress reviews by faculty liaison for a total of 270 clinical hours, 1 reflective paper on summative assessment of practicum experience.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Students are encouraged to have their AAOS Emergency Care book (EMS 110) for reference.

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Communication: Students will demonstrate the ability to read, write, listen, and speak effectively.
- Reasoning and Inquiry: Students will demonstrate the ability to solve problems using deductive reasoning and logic, quantitative reasoning, or the scientific method.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Basic Clinical Skill Review: A. EMS preparatory/operations B. Airway C. OB, infants, and children D. Patient assessment E. Medical/behavioral F. Trauma	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify characteristics of personal and team leadership. 2. Apply didactic knowledge in scenario-based competency evaluations. 3. Construct and demonstrate continued retention of didactic knowledge through evaluation from an independent third party competency-based exam. 4. Identify personal strengths and weaknesses during the field experience by continued communication with field preceptors and lead faculty. 5. Demonstrate organization skill by completing appropriate paperwork necessary to comply with completion of work experience. 	0	30	0
Clinical Care Experiences, Inter-Professional Communication and Collaborative Practice in a Pre-Hospital Setting: A. Ambulance operations B. Scene size-up C. Initial assessment D. Focused history and physical and exam E. Field diagnosis and treatment plan F. Ongoing assessment and patient transfer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply critical thinking and decision-making skills as an EMT. 2. Identify and apply self-confidence, understanding, and proficiency in the operation of a Basic Life Support ambulance. 3. Demonstrate and improve proficiency in timely patient assessments and treatments at the scene of an emergency and in a moving ambulance. 4. Increase familiarity with ambulance equipment. 5. Demonstrate proper radio use and reporting procedures; proper report writing skills. 6. Recognize hazards to oneself and one's patients. 7. Demonstrate use of patient restraints. 8. Demonstrate and assemble equipment (such as EKG monitor/defibrillators, Intra-Venous Solutions, Glucometers, advanced airways) for use in Advanced Life Support situations. 9. Prepare ambulance for readiness and efficiency during operation. 10. Develop and improve team leadership and scene choreography skills. 11. Improve communication with other cultures and develop an awareness of social and health care issues in those cultures. 12. Construct and execute a plan to successfully lead a Basic Life Support ambulance team in treating a patient. 	0	0	270

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
0	30	270