



## Odessa College EMT-Basic Program

### Admissions Guide

#### Contact Information:

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The admissions process for the EMT-Basic Program is competitive and applicants must meet all minimum criteria in order to be eligible for ranking. Ranking points are obtained from the most recent Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) V (AH-Category G) or Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) is an option and an interview using Job Fit. Official TEAS V test scores are valid for five (5) years and only the most recent test score will be used. Official TSI assessment scores are valid for five (5) years and only the most recent test score will be used.

#### General Requirements

EMT-Basic Program applicants are required to complete and pass the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) V (AH-Category G) or Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) is an option during the application/ranking process. Students who have not completed this requirement during the initial application deadline will be placed on a waiting list pending proof of completion and students are responsible for updating information with the program. Incomplete applications will not be ranked until all general requirements are met.

Applicants for the EMT-Basic Program must satisfy minimum criteria in order to be eligible for consideration of ranking.

#### **EMT-Basic Program applicants are required to meet all the following:**

- Enrolled at Odessa College as a Credit Student
- TEAS V (AH-Category G) or TSIA compliant
- Interview EMSP Faculty using Job Fit

**Completed Program Specific materials should be brought in person during the Application acceptance time period to:**

Odessa College Fire/EMS Department  
2460 Kermit Hwy  
Odessa, TX 79764  
Fire Technology Training Center, Room 102  
Phone: 432-335-6841

### **Assessment Thresholds**

Minimum required TEAS V (AH-Category G) scores for EMT-Basic Program. The TEAS V (AH-Category G) testing requirements and fees are provided by the Odessa College Testing Center at 432-335-6620. TEAS V (AH-Category G) scores below the minimum requirements may result in additional developmental course requirements and/or TEAS V (AH-Category G) retesting requirements. Three attempts are acceptable following the testing center guidelines.

- Reading 62
- Math 57
- English 54

Minimum required TSI Assessment scores for EMT-Basic Program. The TSIA testing requirements and fees are provided by the Odessa College Testing Center at 432-335-6620. TSIA scores below the minimum requirements may result in additional developmental course requirements and/or TSIA retesting requirements. Three attempts are acceptable following the testing center guidelines.

- Reading 351
- Math 350
- Writing 340

### **Ranking Protocols**

Ranking using TEAS V (AH-Category G) or TSIA and an interview is a good measure in which performance most reliably predicts future ability to perform successfully in the program.

### **Deadlines for Completing Specialized Admissions Requirements**

Initial application period is **October** for the following Spring semester and **May** for the following Fall semester. If spots are available, a second application period will be conducted in January prior to the start of the Spring semester for incomplete applications submitted after the October application period. A second application period will be conducted in July prior to the start of the Fall semester for incomplete applications submitted after the May application period.

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### **Pre-program Specific Requirements**

Applicants for the EMT-Basic Program must also meet all pre-program specific requirements prior to qualifying for ranking. The following is required for all applicants:

- Must complete the OC Admissions Application and gain acceptance to the college before applying to the program
- Completed the application Health Form
- Meet current immunization requirements
- Provide proof of health insurance which must be maintained throughout the program
- Completed Physical Exam
- Background Check (applicant with a criminal history requires a pre-screening petition sent to the Texas Department of State Health Services for review prior enrolling in an EMS education course)

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#### **Additional Information**

- Program Start Dates: Spring (January) and Fall (August)
- Maximum Students Admitted: 12 students/cohort
- Upon successful completion of all prerequisite EMSP courses and/or Level I-Paramedic EMSP courses with a minimum grade of “C” in each course, the student will receive a course completion certificate issued by the TDSHS approved Program Director and Coordinator which is required for eligibility to test for certification with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.
- Students will be expected to pay the fees that are associated with program requirements.

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#### **Post Admissions Requirements**

Students are responsible for the following requirements **AFTER** accepting a seat in the program:

**PROGRAM ORIENTATION:** one day **in person** orientation.

**CLINICAL ORIENTATION (Online):** Renew annually.

**HIPAA TRAINING: HIPAA Access Online.** Renew annually. Uniforms, Specialized Equipment, Lab Supplies and Liability Insurance required for clinical and field internships.

**URINE DRUG SCREEN:** This requirement will be completed by each student prior to participating in clinical/internship activities. The student will not be able to go to the clinical areas/healthcare facilities until cleared. Please wait for instructions from the EMT-Basic Program. Students who cannot participate in clinical/field activities due to adverse activities revealed through substance abuse testing will complete course and program requirements.

Current Healthcare Professional CPR/AED Certification (Must be from American Heart Association Healthcare Provider) Please wait for instructions from the EMT-Basic Program.

Must adhere to the Odessa College EMSP uniform policy.

### Point Ranking System

As part of the admission criteria, the point values for all EMT-Basic Program applications will be totaled. A rank ordered list of EMT-Basic Program applicants by point total will be developed. The applicants with the highest number of points will be accepted into the EMT-Basic Program until all available spots are filled. If two or more students have the same scores for the last remaining seat(s), the highest interview scores will be used to determine their final ranking. Each accepted applicant will receive an email confirmation from the Program Director and immediately registered for the EMT-Basic Program courses.

#### **Points are calculated based upon the following criteria:**

TEAS or TSIA Test	up to 30 points
Interview using Job Fit	up to 20 points
Total	up to 50 points

NOTE: Five Program Points will be awarded to the total points for any student who successfully completed the Basic Fire Academy program at Odessa College within 1 year of application.

**TEAS V (AH-Category G) test scores are valid for five (5) years and only the most recent test score will be used.**

<b>SCORE (AH-G)</b>	<b>Points Awarded (Reading)</b>
77-81	10
72-76	8
67-71	6
62-66	4
<b>SCORE</b>	<b>Points Awarded (Math)</b>
72-76	10
67- 71	8
62- 66	6
57-61	4
<b>SCORE</b>	<b>Points Awarded (English)</b>
69-73	10
64-68	8
59-63	6
54-58	4

Official TSI assessment scores are valid for five (5) years and only the most recent test score will be used. Students with exemptions/waivers approved by Odessa College will be awarded 4 points.

SCORE	Points Awarded (Reading)
380-390	10
370- 379	8
360-369	6
351-359	4
SCORE	Points Awarded (Math)
380-390	10
370- 379	8
360- 369	6
350-359	4
SCORE	Points Awarded (Writing)
379-390	10
366-378	8
353-365	6
340-352	4

### Interview Process

Up to 20 points based on applicant interview using Job Fit.

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