



EMERGENCY MEDICINE EDUCATION PROGRAM

■ DEGREE OFFERED

Certificate (from El Centro College)

■ PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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FACULTY AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS

James M. Atkins, Professor

M.D., UT Southwestern Medical School, 1967
Cardiology; emergency medicine.

Debra Cason, Associate Professor

R.N., M.S., Texas Woman's University, 1979
Geriatrics; accreditation of paramedic educational programs.

Lynne Dees, Associate Professor

M.F.A., University of North Texas, 1980
EMT and A&P coordinator.

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R.N., M.S., Texas Woman's University, 1979
Program and student evaluation; curriculum development; accreditation.

Kathy Rinnert, Associate Professor

M.D., University of Chicago, 1995; M.P.H.,
University of Pittsburgh, 1997
Emergency medical services systems; aeromedical services; tactical EMS.

Ann Hudgins, Assistant Professor

R.N., B.S.N., Texas Christian University, 1980
Computer instruction; exam preparation; paramedic field evaluation.

Monica Huff-Gresham, Assistant Professor

R.N., B.S.N., University of Texas Medical Branch
at Galveston, 1976
Exam preparation and class instruction.

Suzanne Kee, Assistant Professor

R.N., B.S.N., Texas Woman's University, 1986
Pediatrics; obstetrics and gynecology.

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R.N., B.S.N., UT Arlington, 1986
Continuing education; quality improvement.

Paul Rosenberger, Assistant Professor

L.P., NREMT-P, M.P.A., University of North Texas,
1999
EMS initial education.

Sherry Clark, Instructor

R.N., B.S.N., Texas Woman's University, 1986

Richard LaChance, Instructor

LEMT-P, B.A., University of Texas at Arlington,
1997
Webmaster for continuing education.

Claudette Lohr, Instructor

R.N., B.S.N., East Central Oklahoma State
University, 1982
EMS research.

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A.A., Weatherford College, 1990
Emergency medicine and paramedic continuing
education.

Michael Pebworth, Instructor

B.A., University of Texas at Arlington, 1978

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L.P., A.S., Amarillo College, 2001
EMS research.

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B.S.Ed., L.P., NREMT-P, Stephen F. Austin State
University, 1980
Paramedic education; geriatrics.

Cathy Thorn, Assistant Instructor

EMT-P, A.S., Alameda University, 2005

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R.N., B.S.N., Regis University, 2005

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EMT-P, A.S., Collin County Community College,
2007

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L.P., B.S., Baylor University, 1999
EMS research.

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EMT-P, Dallas County Community College
District, 1980

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NREMT-P, Dallas County Community College
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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

The Emergency Medicine Education Program offers instruction to students enrolled at El Centro College of the Dallas County Community College District. The program offers two levels of courses: emergency medical technician and paramedic. These courses prepare the graduate to function in emergency medical services positions in the pre-hospital environment.

The EMT course includes instruction in basic life support, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, automatic external defibrillation, physical assessment, bandaging and splinting, traction splinting, spinal immobilization, airway management, oxygen therapy and other noninvasive procedures.

The paramedic program prepares the graduate to function in an advanced life-support capacity with invasive skills, such as intravenous initiation, external jugular cannulation, endotracheal intubation, drug administration by various routes, intra-osseous infusions, electrocardiogram rhythm identification, 12-lead ECG interpretation, defibrillation and cardioversion, noninvasive cardiac pacing, and chest decompression. The program includes 42 semester hours.

Both EMT and paramedic courses include classroom instruction, hospital rotations with emphasis on emergency department experience, and emergency ambulance experience. Current information should be obtained from the Emergency Medicine Education Program, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75390-9134, 214-648-5246.