

Wake County EMS - High School EMT Course



Program Overview

Wake County EMS is partnering with Wake County Public Schools to offer an EMT class for eligible high school students for the 2026-2027 school year.

This course is aligned to the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification available from the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services. The course is also aligned to meet the standards of Emergency Technology 1 and 2 from the Department of Public Instruction. This is a year-long course that spans 2 consecutive semesters. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be eligible to test for their North Carolina and National Registry EMT credentials.

Work-based learning strategies appropriate for this course include clinical shifts. Clinical shifts will be completed during this course. Students will be required to complete 48 clinical hours with a designated EMS agency. This will be scheduled in addition to class days and will not interfere with any high school course.

Program Information

Location: Emergency Services Education Center (ESEC)

Address: 221 South Rogers Ln, Suite 160, Raleigh, NC 27610

Start Date: August 26th, 2026

End Date: May 12th, 2027

Calendar: Mondays & Wednesdays

Time: 4:00PM – 7:30PM

Transportation: Students must provide their own transportation.

Eligibility:

- Must be a rising senior or super senior.
- Must turn 17 years of age by May 12th, 2027.
- Must be a Wake County Public School System student during both fall and spring semesters.
- Complete English III or equivalent with a passing grade prior to the start of the course.
- Parent or guardian approval.
- Must have reliable transportation to class and clinicals.
- *Students may be selected for the program without a driver's license; however, failure to have a full-provisional driver's license by March 2027 may impact the student's ability to obtain a certification*



Video about EMT Course Information:

Eligibility and Expectations

[EMT Course Information Video](#)

Application & Selection Process

Students must complete an [online application](#) by **Sunday, May 3rd, 2026, at 11:59pm.**

The application will include:

- Two (2) Recommendations completed via [online recommendation form](#):
 - o May be completed by a supervisor, teacher, coach, guidance counselor, CDC, etc.
 - o Must be complete by the application deadline.
- Short essay questions:
 - o Why would you like to take this course? Please explain how this course aligns with your career plans/goals.
 - o Where do you see yourself in 5 - 10 years after high school? How does becoming an EMT fit into that plan?
 - o Why emergency medical services specifically, versus other healthcare fields? EMS work involves irregular hours, physical demands, and emotional situations. What makes this career worth those challenges for you?
 - o Describe a time something was harder than you expected. How did you handle it?

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Student Application



Recommendations

