EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT-B) & BASIC FIREFIGHTER TRAINING (MINIMUM STANDARDS)

EMT/FF COMBINATION TRACK

SPRING 2020 (2020-2)

DEADLINE: October 28, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

Program Information

PROGRAM BEGINS:

B Shift Wednesday, January 8, 2020

COURSE NUMBER: EMS 0110

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

EMT: This program is offered for the student who wishes to complete the core curriculum and be eligible for certification by the State of Florida to practice as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B). Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers trained to the EMT-B level provide basic life support for both medical and trauma-related emergencies. The course content for EMT-B includes lecture, skills lab, and hospital/fire rescue rotations as outlined in the core requirements of the Emergency Medical Services A.S. degree program. Furthermore, the EMT-B Program is a prerequisite for the Paramedic Program.

Students MUST have Internet access.

FIRE: The Basic Firefighter Program prepares students for the safe, dependable and prompt performance of duties in the fire station as well as in the community. It includes orientation to the fire service, instruction in fire alarms, vehicles, and apparatus and equipment. Those students who successfully complete the course may participate in the State of Florida certification examination. Certification is required in the State of Florida for employment as a Firefighter.

PROGRAM LENGTH

EMT: Approximately 16 weeks, 300 hours, a full college semester/term - 12 college credits.

FIRE: Day Academy: 6 weeks Firefighter I, 6 weeks Firefighter II. Total weeks = 12

PROGRAM LOCATIONS

All EMT and Fire Academy classes, labs and drills will be held at the Public Safety Complex on the Lake Worth campus located at 4200 Congress Avenue, Lake Worth, Florida 33461.

EMT Clinical sites will be designated per the Clinical Coordinator and are subject to change throughout the program.
EMT/FIREFIGHTER
Program Information

PROGRAM COST
EMT: Tuition and Fees* (FL resident) total $1,173.00 (costs are approximate and subject to change).
FIRE: Firefighter I $750.18 Firefighter II $769.76. Total tuition and fees for both programs: $1,821.94

*Include parking decal, Medical Accident Insurance and Liability Insurance assessed. They do not include textbooks, uniforms, and pre-screening costs (drug/alcohol screening, medical exam and criminal background).

FINANCIAL AID
Financial Aid is currently available for this program. Please speak to your financial aid advisor to discuss financial aid options and scholarships. Apply early at www.palmbeachstate.edu/FinancialAid. A FAFSA form is required, which is found at www.fafsa.ed.gov. In addition, a limited number of scholarships are also offered through the Palm Beach State College Foundation at www.palmbeachstate.edu/Foundation.

INFORMATION SESSION (recommended)
All students are encouraged to attend one of the following information sessions:

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<td>Tuesday, September 10, 2019</td>
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<td>PSD 108</td>
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EMT/FIREFIGHTER
Program Schedule Information

EMT/FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM SCHEDULE
EMT: The EMT Program will follow the Palm Beach County Firefighter shift schedule.

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<td>B Shift (except Sundays and College holidays)</td>
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<td>Tuesdays</td>
<td>8:30am – 12:00pm</td>
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<td>Clinical</td>
<td>A or C Shift (except Sundays and College holidays)</td>
<td>10 hours**</td>
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*Hours are subject to change in subsequent semesters. Clinical rotations (6 days in the semester) include a combination of Hospital Facility and Fire Rescue field experience (**Fire Rescue shifts start at 7:30 a.m. and Hospital shifts start at 8:30 a.m.). Further details of the schedule will be explained at the mandatory orientation (approximately 6 weeks before classes begin)*.

FIRE: The Fire Academy will be held Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM. The schedule will be explained further at the Orientation Session.
The following criteria determine eligibility for placement into the selection pool. Meeting the criteria for selection does not guarantee admission to the EMT Program. Final selection will be based on the applicant pool. The below criteria supersede any other information.

All documentation must be on file at any Palm Beach State College Admissions Office by 7:00 P.M. on October 28, 2019. The following are the MANDATORY requirements:

1. COLLEGE APPLICATION & LIMITED ACCESS EMT/FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM APPLICATION

First-time Palm Beach State College Students: Submit a completed Palm Beach State general credit application at [www.palmbeachstate.edu/Admissions](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/Admissions), click “apply now” and pay the appropriate fee by the deadline date. New students will be assessed a $40 nonrefundable fee. International (F-1/M-1) students will be assessed a $75 nonrefundable application fee. Be sure to insert your current and active email address where requested, and be specific regarding your program of study. Once submitted, a confirmation page with conditions of admission will be sent to the e-mail address provided in the college application. Print the confirmation page and follow the instructions within. Applicants must also submit the Limited Access EMT/Firefighter program application contained in this packet and submit it to the Admissions office.

Returning Palm Beach State College Students: Students who have not enrolled in the last three terms must reapply to the College prior to submitting this Limited Access application. Those students who are reapplying and wish to declare Florida residency must do so upon submitting their online application. If you forgot to submit Florida documents in the web application, the Florida Residency Declaration for Tuition Purposes form can be found at [www.palmbeachstate.edu/Admissions](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/Admissions) under “forms” and you may bring the form to any campus admissions office.

2. ACADEMIC HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Official high school transcripts must be submitted to the Admissions Office proving a standard high school diploma, GED, or validated foreign equivalent (Transcripts are considered official if sent directly to Palm Beach State College from the previous institution or are hand-delivered in a sealed envelope sealed by the issuing institution). All applicants – new, current, and college transfer students - must have their official high school or GED transcript on file at the college, however, the high school transcript may be waived for admissions purposes if a student has earned an Associate, Bachelor, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution. You may download the transcript request form from our website at [www.palmbeachstate.edu/Admissions/Transcript-request.aspx](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/Admissions/Transcript-request.aspx). Students who received a Florida GED can request their scores online, by visiting [www.ged.com](http://www.ged.com). All Transcripts must be on file at the College Admissions Office on or prior to the deadline date.

3. COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS

Official college transcripts must be submitted from ALL attended post-secondary institutions (transcripts are considered official if sent directly to Palm Beach State College Admissions Office from the previous institution(s) or hand-delivered in an envelope sealed by each issuing institution). You may download the transcript request form from our website at [www.palmbeachstate.edu/Admissions/Transcript-request.aspx](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/Admissions/Transcript-request.aspx). All post-secondary records from out of the country must be submitted with a foreign credentials (course by course) evaluation. Commercial evaluation of foreign transcripts must be conducted by approved evaluators listed at [http://www.naces.org/members.htm](http://www.naces.org/members.htm). If you have attended college, we still require proof of a standard high school diploma, GED or validated foreign equivalent. However, the high school or GED transcript may be waived for admissions purposes if a student has earned an Associate, Bachelor, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution. Transcripts must be on file at the College Admissions Office on or prior to the deadline date.
EMT/FIREFIGHTER
Requirements for Selection Consideration

4. PROOF OF AGE
All students must be at least 18 years of age at or before the start of the program.

5. AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION BLS PROVIDER CPR CERTIFICATION
All applicants must provide documentation of completion of a current American Heart Association BLS Provider course. PLEASE NOTE: No other CPR certifications will be deemed acceptable. Palm Beach State College offers the course for this certification. You may search for the next available class (CPR Course ID# is AHO0123) by clicking: https://webservices1.palmbeachstate.edu/FCCSC/registration/coursesearch.jsp. For additional questions about this course, or for CPR classes held at Palm Beach State College, you may call the Public Safety Corporate Continuing Education office at 561-868-3775 or go on Panther Web at www.palmbeachstate.edu/CCE (CPR Course ID# is AHO-0123).

6. PLACEMENT TEST
ALL applicants must take the I/O Solutions National Firefighter Selection Inventory (NFSI), within two years of the application deadline date and score at least a 75% grade competency level to be considered for selection. The NFSI is offered at the College Testing Centers located on the Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Belle Glade or Palm Beach Gardens Campuses.

Study guides may be purchased at the Lake Worth College Bookstore. The Student Learning Center (SLC) at the Palm Beach State College Lake Worth Campus provides Vocational Preparatory Instruction (VPI) for students who need additional skill to pass the NFSI test. For more information, please call 561/868-3795.

For additional information on taking the NFSI at a College Testing Center go to:
www.palmbeachstate.edu/testing.

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Note: ALL applicants are required to take the NFSI – regardless of having an A.A., A.S., A.A.S. or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution OR having already met the minimum cut scores, within the past two years, on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT), SAT1 or ACT-E exams. Applicants who wish to retake the NFSI to possibly improve their score may do so if they have not taken the exam within the Past 30 days.

7. CANDIDATE PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST (CPAT)
Applicants must register for the CPAT online or at any Palm Beach State College location and successfully complete it to be considered for selection. CPAT scores are valid for one year prior to the application deadline. CPAT information can be found at www.palmbeachstate.edu/programs/Fire/CPAT. A valid CPAT Certificate from other providers is acceptable. Any CPAT, whether from Palm Beach State College or another provider, must be submitted prior to the program deadline. For CPAT tests taken outside of Palm Beach State College: a paper printout of a score report provided by the student cannot be considered official. It is the responsibility of the student to sign a release form at the institution/location where they took the exam and to request that his/her CPAT scores be sent directly to any PBSC Testing Center via email or fax. The email address and fax numbers for all PBSC Testing Centers may be found at the link: www.palmbeachstate.edu/Testing/ Email is preferred. When the scores are received, the testing center will enter them in the student’s account, so long as the student has a PBSC student ID.
8. **T.A.B.E. (TEST OF ADULT BASIC EDUCATION)***

Applicants are required to take the TABE Full Battery Level (A) test PRIOR to graduation from the Fire Academy. To determine if you are exempt from taking the TABE, click on page 24 of the College Catalog: [www.palmbeachstate.edu/catalog/current/Index.pdf](http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/catalog/current/Index.pdf). Once accepted and enrolled, the student will need to pass with a score of 10th-grade level or higher in reading, language, and math to be eligible to graduate. There is a $25 fee for this exam. Please pay the cashier and report to the Testing Center (with photo ID) to arrange to take the exam. If you are a first-time applicant, the application fee covers the price of the first test.

**ACCEPTED STUDENTS WILL NEED A CLEAR CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND, DRUG AND ALCOHOL SCREENING AND ACCEPTABLE MEDICAL EXAM, COMPLETED AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE, PRIOR TO STARTING THE EMT/FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM. DETAILS AND DEADLINES REGARDING THIS PROCEDURE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MANDATORY ORIENTATION.**

**ALL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ON FILE AT ANY PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS OFFICE BY 7:00 P.M. ON OCTOBER 28, 2019**
After all eligibility requirements for placement into the selection pool have been satisfied, the following point system will be utilized for determining acceptance into the program.

All documentation MUST be on file at any Palm Beach State College Admissions Office BY THE DEADLINE DATE: October 28th, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.

I. MILITARY SERVICE (Maximum Points – 3)
   U.S. VETERAN ........................................................................................................... 3
   The applicant must submit a copy of DD214 with honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions.

   JROTC ...................................................................................................................... 1
   Successful completion of Leadership Education Training I/II required (must be reflected on high school transcript).

II. EDUCATIONAL POINTS/COLLEGE CREDITS (Maximum Points-2)
   The applicant must have official college transcripts sent from post-secondary institutions.

   30 or more college credits from any regionally accredited institution .............................................. 2
   OR
   9 to 29 college credits from any regionally accredited institution .................................................. 1

III. EDUCATIONAL POINTS/TEST RESULTS (Maximum Points -2)
   I/O Solutions NFSI Test Score (75% to 100%).............................................................. .75 to 1
   (Taken within 2 years of application deadline)

   PERT*, ACT-E* & SAT1* .............................................................................................. 1
   (Taken within 2 years of application deadline)

   *Test scores must place the student into college-level courses in all areas.

IV. AFFILIATION WITH A PBSC EMS PROGRAM COMMUNITY FIRE RESCUE PARTNER
   The applicant must be a current member (four-month minimum) of the organization, and provide proof of affiliation on official department letterhead.

   Cadet, Explorer, Volunteer, Junior Firefighter, any PBCSD HS Fire Academy graduate ...... 2

   Applicants may receive points from either section II OR section IV above, but not both.

MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE.................................................................................. 7

Acceptance: Applicants who are selected will be notified within 10 business days after the application deadline date. The acceptance notice will include registration information. If a student is selected and does not enter the program, or is not selected, he/she must reapply and is not guaranteed acceptance in any subsequent selection process.

ALL communication will be sent to your my.palmbeachstate.edu e-mail account including all acceptance documentation.
Your criteria for selection can be viewed at www.palmbeachstate.edu/Pantherweb under Limited Access Application Status and **ALL communication will be sent to your my.PalmBeachState.edu e-mail account** including all acceptance documentation.

**Application is to be HAND DELIVERED to any PBSC Admissions Office on or before the Deadline Date.**

**Emailed Applications WILL NOT be accepted.**

**PSAV PROGRAM CODE 5625**

*Please Type or Print Clearly*

1. **PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE STUDENT ID**

2. **NAME**

   Last                       First                       Middle                       Suffix

   Please list all previous names under which documents may be sent

3. **LOCAL ADDRESS**

   Number and Street Address

   City

   COUNTY (or PROVINCE)   STATE   ZIP CODE

4. **HOME TELEPHONE**

5. **WORK TELEPHONE**

   CELL TELEPHONE

6. **DATE OF BIRTH**

   Month   Day   Year

   E-MAIL ADDRESS: __________________________@my.palmbeachstate.edu

**TRANSCRIPTS**—Official transcripts must be sent directly to Palm Beach State College from issuing school/agency. All applicants, including college transfers, must submit high school or GED transcripts directly to Palm Beach State College. College transfer students must submit official transcripts from all colleges in which applicant has enrolled.

7. **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE?**  **OR**  **GED?**

8. **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY**

   List all post-secondary colleges or universities where you have enrolled. **Omission of any constitutes falsification of records and voids application.**

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   To list more colleges/universities, attach a separate page.

9. **AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION BLS Provider CPR CARD** (submit copy with your application)

   **PLEASE NOTE:** No other CPR certifications will be deemed acceptable. Please check one:

   - American Heart Association CPR Card “BLS Provider” level.
   - Expiration Date on card ____________

   You must provide a copy of your CPR card to the Admissions Office before the deadline.

10. **VETERAN** – have you submitted a copy of your DD214 with Honorable Discharge or General Discharge under Honorable Conditions?

    Blank
11. JROTC – Successful completion of Leadership Education Training I/II? Must be reflected on high school transcript. Blank

12. FIRE RESCUE AFFILIATION – Have you provided proof of affiliation on official department letterhead? Blank

13. HIGH SCHOOL FIRE ACADEMY - Are you a graduate of a Palm Beach County School District High School Fire Academy Program? Blank

14. NFSI - Have you taken the I/O Solutions National Firefighter Selection Inventory (NFSI) test and scored at least a 75% grade? Blank
   Date NFSI Test was taken: ___/___/___ Campus at which NFSI was taken: ______________
   (NFSI scores cannot be older than 2 years by the application deadline date)

15. CPAT - Have you completed and passed the Candidate Physical Ability Test within the last year? Blank
   If yes, you must verify prior to the deadline that your CPAT test was posted in your Pantherweb account under "Records," then "Tests and Placement" and "Show all Tests."
   CPAT was Taken: _________/ ___________

I understand that falsification or omission of any information may result in my dismissal or rejection from the College.

___________________________________  _________________________________________
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT             DATE
### Emergency Medical Technician Checklist ✅ To Complete Eligibility For Placement In The Selection Pool

You DO NOT have to wait until all requirements are met to submit your application, but remember that everything MUST be completed and submitted to the Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth Campus, Admissions office by the deadline date: **October 28th, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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<td>A $40 non-refundable one-time fee ($75 for International students)</td>
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<td><strong>OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED SENT TO PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE:</strong></td>
<td>Official transcripts are to be mailed OR electronically sent from your High School to the PBSC Admissions Office.</td>
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<td><strong>I/O SOLUTIONS NFSI TEST:</strong></td>
<td>A minimum score of 75% required for consideration. (Must have been taken within the last 2 years).</td>
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