



UNM
SCHOOL of MEDICINE

Emergency Medical Services Academy

Pre-Admission Information For All EMT-B and EMT-I: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

If you are interested in enrolling in a course, EXCEPT FOR SETTING AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR DOCTOR FOR IMMUNIZATIONS, DO NOT BEGIN ANY OF THESE PROCESSES UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS, TO AVOID UNNECESSARY COSTS.

- 1) Students must have active health insurance for the duration of the program. There is a low-cost educational health insurance option that other EMSA students have used, and info about them can be found [here](#). This is not a recommendation for health care insurance, just information on a service used by other students. Medicaid, if applicable, is considered an acceptable form of health insurance for this requirement.
- 2) Students must have current immunizations per the Immunization Requirements for UNM Students in Healthcare Programs ([click here](#)). You will need to obtain any needed immunizations at an outside clinic or doctor's office. It is recommended you make an appointment with your doctor as soon as you have registered here to ensure you have all immunizations and/or get the ones you are missing. The UNM SHAC listed on the immunization form does NOT provide services for students who are not enrolled at UNM as a full or part-time college-credit student (this certification course does not count as a college-credit course).
- 3) Students must possess a current BLS for the healthcare provider card, or other advance CPR certification. A list of accepted cards can be found on the [NM EMS Bureau website](#), under their licensing section.
- 4) Fees: The fees for this course include the cost for the course, book(s), and lab materials. Once the class begins students will be responsible for the separate and additional costs of:
 - a) Having fingerprint cards completed and a background check processed (estimated \$100).
 - b) An illegal drug-screen urinalysis completed. To complete this clinical requirement, students will visit a Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) certified drug and alcohol testing laboratory. There are several in New Mexico. Concentra and Detect Lab (that has multiple locations in NM and you can see where the one closest to you is located by [clicking here](#)) are a couple. Tri-core has been turning students away, so we do not recommend them. EMSA does not require that you use any specific lab beyond it being a SAMSHA certified lab. Cost for this test will vary, depending on service provider selected, but is estimated at \$100.
 - c) Possibly an online account with FISDAP (\$15).Additional fees, while not anticipated, may arise due to changing UNM, clinical facilities, or state EMS requirements.

National Registry: To obtain state certification, students will need to create accounts on the National Registry of EMTs [website](#) and, after their course, sign up for a National Registry cognitive written exam. Estimated cost: \$100. EMT-I's will also have to complete a psychomotor exam. Estimated cost: \$150. And the State of New Mexico has an initial licensing fee. Please visit their [website](#) for details.