



EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT)

How transitioning service members and veterans can move successfully into a civilian Emergency Management Technician (EMT) job

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) care for the sick or injured in emergency medical settings. They assess injuries, administer emergency medical care, extricate trapped individuals, and transport injured or sick persons to medical facilities. Their specific duties depend on their level of certification and the state they work in.

QUICK STATS

- High School - Vocational**
- 1+Years Experience**
- \$10 - \$51/hour**

POTENTIAL MILITARY TRAINED JOB CANDIDATES

A look at the number of service members serving in military occupations related to civilian Emergency Management Technicians (EMTs) in a given year and the number who transition out provides a snapshot of the potential number of candidates who might fill these jobs in Illinois. Innovative education and employment programs that recognize military training and experience can entice military trained applicants to Illinois.

	AIR FORCE 4N0X1 Aerospace Medical Service	ARMY 68W Combat Medic Specialist	NAVY HM/0000 Hospital Corpsman Basic	Totals (National)
Service Members				
Serving in the Military as of 9/30/15	10,935	36,274	9,939	57,148
In Occupation who left the Military in FY 2015	1,082	5,608	2,474	9,164

COMPARISON OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY TRAINING/EDUCATION CURRICULA

There are very few gaps between the typical civilian Emergency Management Technician (EMT) training curriculum and military training curricula for related military occupations.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) EMT-Basic National Standard Curriculum Modules (From U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)	AIR FORCE 4N0X1 Aerospace Medical Service	ARMY 68W Combat Medic Specialist	NAVY HM/0000 Hospital Corpsman Basic
Preparatory	★	★	★
Airway	★	★	★
Patient Assessment	★	★	★
Medical/Behavioral Emergencies and Obstetrics/Gynecology	★	★	★
Trauma	★	★	★
Infants and Children	★	★	★
Operations	★	★	★

- ★ = subject is fully covered in the military occupation's training
- ★ = subject is partially covered in the military occupation's training
- Blank = subject is not covered in the military occupation's training

COMPARISON OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY JOB DUTIES

Service members holding military occupations related to civilian Emergency Management Technicians (EMTs) perform most of the same job duties as civilian EMTs. Many have had years of hands-on experience and can be readily trained in job duties they haven't performed.

100% **94%** **100%**
Percentage of Civilian Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Job Duties Performed by Military Occupation

CIVILIAN Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Job Duties	AIR FORCE 4N0X1 Aerospace Medical Service	ARMY 68W Combat Medic Specialist	NAVY HM/0000 Hospital Corpsman Basic
Treat medical emergencies	■	■	■
Implement advanced life support techniques	■	■	■
Operate diagnostic or therapeutic medical instruments or equipment	■	■	■
Inform medical professionals regarding patient conditions and care	■	■	■
Monitor patient progress or responses to treatments	■	■	■
Record patient medical histories	■	■	■
Record patient medical histories	■	■	■
Analyze patient data to determine patient needs or treatment goals	■	■	■
Administer intravenous medications	■	■	■
Administer non-intravenous medications	■	■	■
Sterilize medical equipment or instruments	■	■	■
Collaborate with healthcare professionals to plan or provide treatment	■	■	■
Maintain inventory of medical supplies or equipment	■	■	■
Maintain medical equipment or instruments	■	■	■
Position patients for treatment or examination	■	■	■
Interact with patients to build rapport or provide emotional support	■	■	■
Maintain medical or professional knowledge	■	■	■

ABILITY TO MEET ILLINOIS JOB REQUIREMENTS

The Air Force and Army occupations related to civilian Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) require National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification. The Navy occupation related to civilian EMTs could likely pass the NREMT EMT-Basic certification exam with little additional preparation or study. Illinois recognizes NREMT certification. Licensure candidates can submit their military medical emergency training for evaluation if honorably discharged within one year of applying for licensure.

Illinois Requirement		AIR FORCE 4N0X1 Aerospace Medical Service*	ARMY 68W Combat Medic Specialist**	NAVY HM/0000 Hospital Corpsman Basic***
Education	High school diploma or equivalent required	Required	Required	Required
Training	Approved training program required	544 Hours	640 Hours	560 Hours
Licensure	Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
Certification	National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification exam or Illinois state licensing exam required for licensure	NREMT-EMT Basic certification required	NREMT-EMT Basic certification required	Not Required

* Aerospace Medical Services Apprentice graduates are certified in Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers.

**Combat Medic Specialist graduates are proficient in Tactical Combat Casualty Care principles.

***Hospital Corpsman Basic graduates are trained to proficiency in Tactical Combat Care Course principles and certified in Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers.

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Visit [Veterans.gov](https://www.veterans.gov) for more resources for veterans interested in pursuing employment/training in the field, healthcare employers interested in learning more about hiring veterans, and other stakeholders supporting veterans.