

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES and FIRE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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Your Journey Starts Today!

Dear Future Student,

Welcome to GateWay Community College! We are thrilled that you have chosen to pursue an exciting and fulfilling career in Emergency Medical Services with us. At GWCC, we are dedicated to creating a supportive and enriching learning environment, and we are committed to your success.

Our experienced instructors and program supervisors are here to guide you every step of the way. Whether you are new to the field or bringing prior experience, we ensure that all students have equal opportunities to learn, apply knowledge, and develop the essential skills needed for a successful career in EMS.

Welcome to the GWCC EMS family—we're excited to be part of your educational journey!

Sincerely,

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Emergency Medical Services and Fire Preparatory Academy Program Webpage:
gatewaycc.edu/degrees-certificates/fire-science

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Clock Hour Trade & Technical Training

GateWay Community College offers specialized clock-hour trade and technical programs designed to prepare students for careers through focused, hands-on learning. Unlike traditional credit-hour programs, clock-hour programs measure progress based on the number of hours and weeks of instructional time completed, providing a direct path to certification. These programs emphasize practical training, allowing students to develop industry-specific skills from experienced professionals. In as little as six months, students can earn certifications in fields such as healthcare, cosmetology, construction, and advanced manufacturing.

With expert instructors and state-of-the-art facilities, GateWay ensures students gain the real-world experience needed to succeed. Whether your goal is to save lives, design new styles, reduce stress, construct shelters, or machine future technologies, GateWay's programs are tailored to provide the essential skills for career success. Located in the Phoenix metropolitan area, GateWay has been serving the community since 1968, committed to innovation and excellence in education.

Emergency Medical Services and Fire Preparatory Academy

The **Certificate of Competency (CCT)** in Emergency Medical Services and Fire Preparatory Academy provides students with the essential skills and knowledge required to enter the Fire Academy. Upon successful completion, students will be eligible to sit for both the EMT national certification exam and the Arizona certification exam for Hazardous Materials First Responder Operation, which aligns with the standards set by the **Arizona Center for Fire Service Excellence**. This comprehensive program introduces students to fire service operations, wellness and fitness, emergency medical care, and hazardous materials response.

Additionally, the courses within this program can be applied toward earning an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) or a Certificate of Completion (CCL) in Fire Science, offered by Glendale Community College, Mesa Community College, Phoenix College, and Paradise Valley Community College.

Completing this certificate opens doors to employment in various fields and industries, providing a solid foundation for a career in emergency services and fire safety. For more information about careers and salary potential, please visit onetonline.org.

Get Your Career in EMS Started Today!

Courses and Hours

Block	Course Number	Course Name	Clock Hours
Block 1	EMC108	Emergency Medical Services and Fire Preparatory Academy	300
Total Clock Hours			300

Certificate of Competency (CCT) Information

- [Emergency Medical Services and Fire Preparatory Academy](#)

Please note that the curriculum and prerequisites for the program will be revised periodically. It is the applicant's responsibility to remain aware of any changes in admission requirements.

Virtual Information Sessions

To learn more about your program of interest, we encourage you to attend one of our virtual information sessions. These sessions are recommended for all programs and provide valuable insights. Attending a session prior to contacting an advisor is highly encouraged.

→ To register for a Virtual Information Session, visit gatewaycc.edu/virtual-sessions

Clock Hour Healthcare Advisor

All students must meet with the Clock Hour Healthcare Advisor, Debra Phillips, before enrolling. To schedule an appointment, please use the online scheduling tool linked below:

- ★ [Schedule Appointment](#)
- ★ Email: clock.health.sciences.advising@gatewaycc.edu

Complete Admission Application

If you are new to college or Maricopa Community Colleges, or if you need to reapply, visit maricopa.edu/become-student and follow the steps below to complete the admission application:

- **New Students:** Click "Join Now" to create an account.
- **Returning Students:** Click "Log In" and enter your MEID and password. If you do not remember your MEID or password, select "Forgot your Username?" and/or "Forgot your Password?" for assistance.

Enter/Verify the Following Information During the Admission Application

Primary College of Interest:	GateWay Community College
Primary Reason for Attending:	Get a Certificate
Select a Plan:	Emergency Medical Services and Fire Preparatory Academy (CER)
Select Expected Start	Select Academic Year

For assistance, please contact Enrollment Services at [\(602\) 286-8200](tel:6022868200).

PRE-ENROLLMENT

Assessment and Placement Information

Student assessments at Maricopa Community Colleges ensure you're placed in the right classes for English, math, reading, or English as a Second Language (ESL) to give you a strong start to your educational journey. We use multiple measures for placement, such as high school GPA, GED scores, or ACT/SAT scores. Additionally, we offer placement testing through the EdReady online tool. If you're enrolled in the ESL program, we also provide tailored placement information and options.

For more details, visit [Course Selection and Placement](#). To contact the Testing and Essential Skills Center, visit gatewaycc.edu/testing, email testing@gatewaycc.edu, or call **(602) 286-8160**.

Reading Placement *(need one of the following)*

- ❖ **High School GPA:** between 3.0 and 4.0 - *(no time limit for the use of high school GPA)*
 - Unofficial high school transcripts can be emailed to testing@gatewaycc.edu but they must list an unweighted GPA.
- ❖ **EdReady** Critical Reading and Thinking Score: 90 or above
- ❖ **ACT Reading Score:** 22 or higher - *(scores are valid for 5 years from the assessment date)*
- ❖ ACCUPLACER Next Gen Reading: 249 or higher
- ❖ ACCUPLACER Classic Reading: 92 or higher
- ❖ ASSET Reading: 47 or higher
- ❖ COMPASS Reading: 91 or higher
- ❖ **GED Reasoning Through Language Arts Score:** 175 or higher
- ❖ **SAT – Reading & Writing Score** - *(scores are valid for 5 years from the assessment date)*
 - Old Version (Prior to 2016): 860 or higher
 - New Version (2016 - Current): 480 or higher
- ❖ Successful completion of RDG100 or higher
- ❖ Appropriate reading placement into CRE101 (based on any of the criteria listed above)

Request Enrollment

To request enrollment in this clock hour program, send an email from your Maricopa Student Email address to: clockenroll@gatewaycc.edu.

Please be sure to include the following in your email:

- Program name, program location, and desired **start date**
- The funding source you intend to use to pay for your program *(self-pay, FAFSA, VA benefits, etc.)*

Enrollment is based on eligibility, completed documents, and space in the program.

Uniforms and Professional Appearance

Students in the EMS & Fire Prep Program are required to wear the designated uniform as follows:

- EMS & Fire Prep uniform shirt (see below for purchasing instructions)
- Navy blue EMS pants or Navy Blue Dickies work pants (scrubs are not allowed)
- Black leather belt (utility or standard buckle)
- Black leather safety-toed boots (steel or composite-toe)
- Analog wristwatch with a second hand (smartwatches are not permitted)

Optional Items:

- Program-logoed baseball hat (worn with the brim facing forward)
- Program-logoed hooded sweatshirt in black, navy blue, gray, or white

Purchasing Instructions for Uniform Shirts:

Students should plan ahead to ensure they have their program uniform ready for the first day of class. To guarantee your uniform is available on time, please place your order at least 14 days prior to your start date.

To order uniform shirts, visit the Apparel Pro USA website: [Apparel Pro USA](#)

Shirt colors are specific to each program and cannot be chosen at random. Please select the correct color for your class:

- **Gray** = EMT class
- **Orange** = West Mec (Highschool) EMT Class
- **Red** = EMS & Fire Prep

Ensure you are selecting the correct color for your program.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Program Costs *

PROGRAM TUITION AND FEES	EMS Prep
Registration Fee **	\$ 15.00
Tuition Clock Hour	\$ 1,500.00
Course Fees	\$ 805.00
TOTAL Tuition & Fees	\$ 2,320.00

Estimated Costs for Additional Expenses

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES	ESTIMATED COST
Uniform (<i>approx. cost per uniform</i>)	\$100.00+
HAZMAT State Test	\$150.00

**Please note that these are only estimates and may change. Additional fees may apply.*

***Two registration fees will apply if the program extends into the next term.*

Payment Options

After enrolling in a clock hour program, tuition must be paid by the due date. Explore your payment options and set up a plan that works for you. Payment plans can be arranged online through your [Student Center](#), and it's crucial to do so before the tuition due date to avoid being dropped from your program. Please note that Nelnet payment plan enrollment fees are non-refundable. Students are responsible for covering all program costs, including tuition, fees, and other expenses. Certification will not be granted until all tuition and fees are paid in full.

→ For more details, visit [Payment Options](#)

Clock Hour Payment Plans

Payment plans allow you to divide your tuition into manageable installments with no interest or credit checks. A down payment is required, and the remaining balance is paid over time. Contact Student Business Services at [\(602\) 286-8277](tel:6022868277) or DL-GWC-CAS@gatewaycc.edu for specific details.

- 10% down payment due 30 days before the start date
- 1 – 6 scheduled payments require a 10% down payment plus a \$25 enrollment fee*
- 7 – 12 scheduled payments require a 10% down payment plus a \$45 enrollment fee*

All payment options require an immediate (same-day) down payment. If you choose to sign up for the payment plan, please do so before your tuition due date, otherwise, your classes may be dropped.

**Enrollment fee is non-refundable*

Payment Methods

- **Online:** Log in to your [Student Center](#) to pay by credit card or e-check.
- **By Phone:** Call [\(602\) 238-4347](tel:6022384347) to make a credit card payment by phone. Wait times may increase during peak periods of enrollment.
- **In Person:** Visit the campus where you are enrolling for classes to make your payment in full using cash, credit, or check. A picture ID may be required for payment transactions.

Important Reminders:

- ★ Regularly check your Maricopa student email and [Student Center](#) for updates on payment balances and deadlines.
- ★ Your seat in the program is not secured until your funding is confirmed. Failure to meet payment deadlines may result in being dropped from the program.

→ For more details, visit [Pay for College](#)

Refund Policy

Students who officially withdraw from classes within the withdrawal deadlines listed below will receive a 100% refund for tuition, course, and registration fees. Deadlines that fall on a weekend or a college holiday will advance to the next college workday except for classes fewer than 10 calendar days in length or as specified by the college. Calendar days include weekdays and weekends. Refer to individual colleges for withdrawal and refund processes. Never attending is not an allowable refund exemption or an excuse for the debt incurred through registration.

Length of Class	Official Withdrawal Deadlines for 100% Refund
1-9 calendar days	Prior to the class start date
10-19 calendar days	1 calendar day including the class start date
20-29 calendar days	2 calendar days including the class start date
30-39 calendar days	3 calendar days including the class start date
40-49 calendar days	4 calendar days including the class start date
50-59 calendar days	5 calendar days including the class start date
60-69 calendar days	6 calendar days including the class start date
70+ calendar days	7 calendar days including the class start date

Course fees will be refunded only if the student qualifies for a 100% refund. Debts owed to any MCCCCD college must be satisfied before any refunds are paid to the student. Refunds for students receiving federal financial assistance are subject to federal guidelines. Requests for exceptions to the refund policy must be filed within one year from the semester in which the course was taken.

How to Obtain a Refund

When dropping classes, you must officially do so during the refund period to be eligible for a refund. You can do this online using your [Student Center](#), by calling **(602) 286-8200** or in person at the [Admissions and Records](#) office. Once you have officially dropped from your classes, and if you are eligible for a refund, you must contact [Student Business Services](#) to receive your refund.

Student Business Service processes all refunds. All refunds of cash, check, and checking/saving payment plan payments are issued through the Maricopa Student Refund Program (MSRP). No refunds of cash are available. Refunds of credit card payments will be made only to the credit card on which the original payment was processed.

To ensure you receive your refund as quickly as possible, verify your current address is correct, and update it if necessary in your [Student Center](#) in the Personal Information section.

→ For more details, visit [Student Refunds](#)

POLICIES, RESOURCES, AND STUDENT SUPPORT

Disability Resources and Services (DRS)

Students with disabilities who need accommodations for a class or program should contact the GateWay Disability Resources & Services (DRS) Department by calling **(602) 286-8171** or emailing DRS@gatewaycc.edu. A qualified DRS professional will assess the student's eligibility and notify faculty in writing about the necessary accommodations. During the first class session, faculty will announce that students can meet with them during office hours to discuss any required accommodations. For questions or concerns, please contact DRS.

gatewaycc.edu/disability-resources | DRS@gatewaycc.edu | **(602) 286-8171**

Medical Marijuana Policy

Maricopa Community Colleges prohibit the possession and use of marijuana on all campuses and in all off-campus student activities, including clinical practicums and clinical learning experiences in health programs. This policy is dictated by Arizona Revised Statutes § 15-108, which prohibits any person, including a medical marijuana cardholder, from possessing or using marijuana on the campus of any public university, college, community college, or post-secondary education institution. Federal legislation prohibits any institution of higher education that receives federal funding from allowing the possession and use of marijuana.

Maricopa Community Colleges receive federal funds through grants and financial aid. Maricopa Community Colleges continue to enforce current policies regarding controlled substances and any student or employee who violates university policy prohibiting the use or possession of illegal drugs on campus or in student activities - including educational practicum - will be subject to disciplinary action and criminal prosecution.

Nondiscrimination Policy

The Maricopa County Community College District does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, handicap/disability, sexual orientation, age, or Vietnam-era/disabled Veteran status in employment or in the application, admission, participation, access, and treatment of persons in instructional or employment programs and activities.

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