

# Law and Public Safety (Non-Degree)

## Explore Program

Continuing education at Central Piedmont provides advanced and in-service training for all public safety professions. Offerings include the college's American Academy of Applied Forensics (AAAF) training for law enforcement as well as Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic training.

The program includes training for law enforcement and Fire and Rescue municipal and volunteer agencies. Public safety continuing education courses are typically offered at the Claudia Watkins Belk Center for Justice on the [Merancas Campus](#).

## Emergency Medical Technician

### General Information

Central Piedmont offers initial and continuing education training for EMS professionals, including EMT and paramedic training, as well as specialized training for EMS professionals.

# EMT vs. Paramedic

## EMT

EMTs are educated in many skills, including CPR, giving patients oxygen, administering glucose for diabetics, and helping others with treatments for asthma attacks or allergic reactions. With very few exceptions, such as in the case of auto-injectors for allergic reactions, EMTs are not allowed to provide treatments that require breaking the skin: that means no needles.

## Paramedic

Paramedics are advanced providers of emergency medical care and are highly educated in topics such as anatomy and physiology, cardiology, medications, and medical procedures. They build on their EMT education and learn additional skills, including how to administer medications, start intravenous lines, provide advanced airway management for patients, and resuscitate and support patients with significant problems such as heart attacks and traumas.

## EMT Courses

For course information, visit the [emergency medical technician page](#). To register, [email Brian Shoemake](#).

## Accelerated Career Training/Emergency Medical Technician

For qualified students, the [Accelerated Career Training Program \(ACT\)](#) offers a scholarship option for completing this class.

## First Responder Courses

Central Piedmont offers continuing education to Mecklenburg County First Responders. Training is available both in-person and online.

If you are in an active role and need to renew your NC EMT Certification, you must take mandatory in-person classes. Contact continuing education customer service for required course information.

## Paramedic Certification Training

Central Piedmont offers paramedic training opportunities to fit your needs, whether you are pursuing initial paramedic certification or advanced training. The courses follow the North Carolina Office of EMS and the National Emergency Medical Services Educational Standards set forth for initial paramedic training.

Paramedic certification training is offered as both a continuing education course and Associate in Applied Science in Emergency Medical Science.

## Registration

The North Carolina Community College System has mandated that all EMS students must complete [an EMS/fire registration form](#) prior to the first day of any class offered.

Email the completed registration form to [continuing education customer service](#). You must sign the form. If Customer Services does not receive your form before the start of class, you will not be registered.