



EMS/FIRE SCIENCE DIVISION

EMT & PARAMEDIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Please read this packet carefully as some requirements have changed. Previous versions of this packet are not in force and will not be honored.

The completion of all clinical and field training hours must be through our affiliated/ approved clinical and field training sites. Completion of the clinical and field training hours is necessary and part of the requirements for successful completion of the program, and be to eligible to challenge the NREMT Certification Exam.

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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW

As a student of the College of DuPage (COD) health career programs, the completion of all health requirements is mandatory. Depending upon the program to which you are applying, medical requirements may need to be completed prior to registration or after program admission. Please see the specific program registration or admission packet for detailed information on when to begin completing health requirements, drug tests, CPR, criminal background checks and proof of insurance submission.

Specific health requirements are mandated by the clinical sites and are subject to change based on current medical advice and practices. You have two options for completing the health requirements; you can use your own Healthcare Provider or choose Edward Occupational Health (EOH). EOH has provided College of DuPage students with special pricing. Please note that EOH does not accept personal health insurance.

The background check and drug screen must be completed through the College of DuPage **CastleBranch account**.

College of DuPage has partnered with Edward Occupational Health (EOH) to ensure compliance of students' medical requirements. Any charges are the student's responsibility and are due at the time of service. It is recommended that students verify with their insurance provider whether required services are covered by their personal health insurance. It is ultimately the student's decision where they complete their health requirements. EOH, or provider of your choice, may complete all of the services; however, EOH **must** complete the required chart review. Please note: College of DuPage will not receive any of your medical records; they are your and your health care provider's responsibility and property. **EOH will provide a clearance form directly to you and College of DuPage.**

To access EOH's services, call the various location(s) (see page 8), identify yourself as a College of DuPage student and discuss what services you need. You must bring all required documentation to EOH for a Chart Review.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS INFORMATION

The following immunizations are mandated by the clinical site (on-campus & off-campus) and are important for our commitment to public safety including personal safety from exposure to potential disease during clinical work.

Requirement	What
Physical Examination	A summary of the physical exam performed by your primary care provider (i.e. MD, NP) using the required enclosed form. Your doctor must use the form enclosed on page 9 & 10. You will then bring this form to your EOH Chart Review appointment.
Flu Vaccine	Vaccine given annually. (The flu vaccine is seasonal and changes every year in the Fall). You must obtain proof of the current flu vaccine. <u>Proof of current vaccination MUST include the following:</u> (1) Student name (2) Clinic name (3) Date administered
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis Vaccination (TDAP)	Obtain a one-time dose of TDAP if you have not previously received. Obtain TD boosters every 10 years thereafter.
QuantiFERON TB Gold Blood Test	Blood test that aids in the detection of <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> , the bacteria which causes tuberculosis (TB). This test is done annually. A positive QuantiFERON-TB Gold result means that the person has been infected with TB bacteria and should be followed by further medical and diagnostic evaluation to determine if the person has latent TB infection or TB disease. A chest x-ray will be required.
Titers for: Hepatitis B Titer Varicella – (Chicken Pox) MMR – Rubeola (Measles), Mumps and Rubella (German Measles)	Documented antibody/IGG titer levels indicating immunity (blood draw to demonstrate your immune status to identified communicable diseases). To be effective, the blood test must indicate that you are positive for immunity.
COVID Vaccine: FIRE 2271 EMT ONLY: Most clinical sites no longer require COVID vaccination, but being COVID vaccinated will give you greater choices of clinical sites. You must either submit proof of current vaccination or a statement that you are declining the vaccine (no reason has to be given).	Documented proof of current vaccination MUST include the following: (1) Student name (2) Date(s) administered (3) Manufacturer (4) Lot# of vaccine(s)
Chart Review MUST be done by Edward Occupational Health	All medical records must be reviewed by Edward Occupational Health. A clearance form will be completed at your appointment. Please do <u>NOT</u> begin until instructed to do so. Please allow plenty of time to get all requirements completed and reviewed by Edward Occupational Health.

Requirement	What
<p>Drug Test – This MUST be done through CastleBranch;</p> <p>Do NOT begin until instructed to do so</p>	<p>A 10 panel urine drug test will be used to identify the presence. Please do NOT begin until instructed to do so. (Refer to specific program instructions for appropriate package code and further details)</p> <p>IMPORTANT NOTE: ‘Positive’ results for Marijuana will NOT be accepted as marijuana is not federally regulated. This means that if you receive a ‘positive’ result for Marijuana, you will not be able to move forward in the program as the clinical sites require a ‘clear’ drug test. FYI, marijuana can remain in your system for at least 4-8 weeks. Please note that even if you had a prescription for medical marijuana, it will still not be accepted. This policy is also stated in our Policy for Professional Conduct.</p> <p>If you receive a “<i>dilute negative</i>” result, this means that your urine was too diluted to obtain an accurate result and you need to re-pay and take a new drug test. Please be cognizant of how much liquid you drink. It is best to try to schedule the test first thing in the morning when the sample will be most concentrated, if possible.</p>
<p>Medical Document Manager – This MUST be done through CastleBranch</p> <p>Does NOT apply for EMT.</p>	<p>If required by your Paramedic Program, all medical documents must be uploaded to CastleBranch once the chart review is complete. Students will have unlimited access to their Medical Documents through graduation and beyond.</p> <p>Students whose Paramedic Programs utilize the Medical Document Manager will be provided detailed instructions on how to set up their account once accepted into a program.</p>
<p>Background Check</p> <p>Must be done through CastleBranch;</p> <p>Must be done for EMT prior to registration. Paramedic Program due dates vary by program. Refer to their specific application packet.</p>	<p>Background Checks are completed through CastleBranch. Please do NOT begin until instructed to do so. Please refer to the appropriate Paramedic Application packet or EMT Registration Packet for details including instructions and package code.</p> <p>EMT Registration packets are posted on the EMT webpage. Paramedic Application Packets are posted on the Paramedic Webpage.</p>
<p>CPR Card</p>	<p>Must be American Heart Association – BLS for Health Care Providers. Card must be signed by student. Must be valid through entire length of chosen program.</p> <p>(Does NOT apply for FIRE 2271 EMT).</p>
<p>Medical Insurance</p>	<p>Can be purchased through the college’s insurance carrier. Please visit Student Health Insurance website for details.</p> <p>If you do NOT have health insurance, you have 2 options on how to proceed with obtaining Health Insurance. You need to begin researching these options NOW as the approval process can take up to 90 days. We do need to be sure that you have valid health insurance prior to your clinical start date in order to remain in the program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you had a “Life Event” change, then you may qualify for a Special Enrollment Period (SEP). Please visit https://getcovered.illinois.gov/special-enrollment-period/special-enrollment.html to view list of “Life Events” to see if you qualify. Again, please research this NOW. Please contact Debra Gaetano at 877-247-8817 for assistance navigating this option. <p>Continues on page #6</p>

Requirement	What
	<p>2. If you did not have a “Life Event” change from above, you should start the application process for Medicaid NOW, by visiting Applying for Medicaid. The approval process for Medicaid can take 60 – 90 days, therefore, you need to start this process ASAP. We want you to be aware that you must be approved by Medicaid prior to your clinical start date in order to remain in the program</p> <p>Must be comprehensive health insurance and valid through entire length of chosen program.</p>

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS PRICING

Below is a list of health services and the current fees charged by Edward Occupational Health. Students may also check their local health department, convenient care locations or retail clinic, as they may offer some or all of the services. Students may use their own health care provider for any or all of the services with the exception of the background check and drug screen, which **must** be completed through [CastleBranch](#). Please note that the cost for the health requirements is the responsibility of the student, and requirements and pricing are subject to change. The Chart Review **must** be completed by Edward Occupational Health and the student is responsible for the fee. The Medical Document Manager tracking will be completed by [CastleBranch](#) and you, as a student, will always have access to your medical records.

*******Pricing is determined by Edward Occupational Health and is subject to change without notice*******

Services Offered	Cost	Notes
Physical Examination (includes Color Vision)	\$69	
Flu Vaccine – Note: The flu vaccine is seasonal and changes every year in the Fall.	\$30	Proof of vaccination MUST include the following: (1) Student name, (2) Clinic name, (3) Clinic address, (4) Date administered and (5) Lot # of vaccine If flu vaccine is not available, students will be required to get vaccine when it becomes available in the Fall. *Pricing varies by clinic and season
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis Vaccination (TDAP)	\$85	Obtain a one-time dose of TDAP if you have not previously received vaccine. Obtain TD boosters every 10 years thereafter
QuantiFERON TB Gold Blood Test	\$100	
Hepatitis B Antibody/IgG Titer	\$54	
Varicella Antibody/IgG Titer (Chicken Pox)	\$70	
Rubeola Antibody/IgG Titer (Measles)	\$43	
Mumps Antibody/IgG Titer	\$33	
Rubella Antibody/IgG Titer (German Measles)	\$33	
Chart Review - This MUST be done by Edward Occupational Health	\$38	
Drug Test – This MUST be done through CastleBranch.com Do NOT begin until instructed to do so	\$33.99	10 Panel: Marijuana, Cocaine, Phencyclidine, Amphetamines/Methamphetamines, Opiates, Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Methadone, Methaqualone & Propoxyphene
Medical Document Manager – This MUST be done through CastleBranch.com	\$19.49	The student's records will be managed through CastleBranch by creating a personal profile that they will have unlimited access to beyond graduation.
Background Check – This MUST be done through CastleBranch.com	\$72.99	EMT students must complete prior to registration. Paramedic students will vary by program.

Possible Additional Services	Cost	Notes
MMR Vaccine (per dose)	\$100	
Varicella Vaccine (per dose)	\$170	
Hepatitis B Vaccine (per dose)	\$82	
Tetanus/Diphtheria (TD-Booster)	\$77	
TB Positive PPD Form	\$13	
Chest X-Ray	Contact Edward Occupational Health for additional information	X-ray – Chest 2 views - \$59 Tech Fee – Chest X-ray 2 Views - \$70

EDWARD OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES LOCATIONS

You **MUST** visit one of these locations to complete an **in-person** Chart Review

Hours & Locations

Scheduling Line: (630)527-7299 – Option 2

ADDISON 303 W. Lake Street Addison, IL 60101 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Mon – Fri	NAPERVILLE 100 Spalding Dr, Suite 212 Naperville, IL 60540 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Mon – Fri
BOLINGBROOK 130 N. Weber Rd. Ste. 105 Bolingbrook, IL 60440 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Mon – Fri 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Sat	PLAINFIELD – Opening Soon 24600 W. 127th Street Garden Level Plainfield, IL 60585 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Mon – Fri
ELMHURST 1200 S. York Street, Suite 1509 Elmhurst, IL 60126 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Mon – Fri	

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

College of DuPage - 425 Fawell Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

This form must be completed by your physician and brought to Edward Occupational Health for your Chart Review

Please Print

Name _____
Last First

Health Program _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ SS# _____ - _____ - _____

Must be completed by a licensed medical professional

Height _____ Weight _____ Blood Pressure _____ Pulse _____

Physical Findings - **Must be completed by a licensed medical physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant.**

Body Systems	Normal	Abnormal, please describe
Cardiovascular		
Eye		
Ear, Nose, Throat		
Conversational Hearing		
Color Vision		
Gastrointestinal		
Metabolic-Endocrine		
Musculoskeletal		
Neurological		
Respiratory		
Skin (Exposed areas only)		
Lymph Nodes		

Is student presently under any medical treatment? If yes, please explain:

Conclusion: (check one)

- ☐ The student is medically cleared to perform essential functions defined by the health programs of College of DuPage and the career being educated for (see next page for complete listing of essential functions).
- ☐ The student is medically cleared to perform essential functions defined by the health programs of College of DuPage and the career being educated for with the following **accommodation(s)/restriction(s)**.

- ☐ The student **has not** been medically cleared to perform essential functions defined by the health programs of College of DuPage and of the desired health career.

Examiner's Name (Please Print) _____ Date of Examination _____

Signature of Examiner _____

This physical exam satisfies the requirements of all College of DuPage Health Science programs and all clinical sites.

COLLEGE OF DUPAGE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Health Career Programs

Please take this document to your Physical Exam appointment

These are generally required for all College of DuPage Health Career Programs. Variations of this will be addressed in program or course specific information. If the ability to perform these essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations result in the inability to meet identified student learning outcomes, the student may be at risk of not successfully completing the course and/or program.

MOTOR CAPABILITY:

1. Move from room to room and maneuver in small spaces
2. Squat, crawl, bend/stoop, reach above shoulder level, use standing balance, and climb stairs
3. Lift and carry up to 50 lbs., and exert up to 100 lbs. force or push/pull
4. Use hands repetitively; use manual dexterity; sufficient fine motor function
5. Must be able to walk and stand for extended periods of time
6. Perform CPR
7. Travel to and from academic and clinical sites

SENSORY CAPABILITY:

1. Coordinate verbal and manual instruction
2. Auditory ability sufficient to hear verbal communication from clients and members of the health team; includes ability to respond to emergency signals.
3. Discern soft sounds, such as those associated with taking a blood pressure
4. Visual acuity to acquire information from documents such as charts
5. Comfortable working in close physical proximity to patient

COMMUNICATION ABILITY:

1. Communicate effectively in English with patients, families, and other health care providers, both verbally and in writing
2. Effectively adapt communication for intended audience
3. Interact; establish rapport with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds
4. Assume the role of a health care team member
5. Function effectively under supervision
6. Sufficient command of the English language in order to read and retrieve information from lectures, textbooks, as well as understand medical terminology
7. Skills include computer literacy

PROBLEM SOLVING ABILITY:

1. Function effectively under stress
2. Respond appropriately to emergencies
3. Adhere to infection control procedures
4. Demonstrate problem-solving skills in patient care (measure, calculate, reason, prioritize, and synthesize data).
5. Use sound judgment and safety precautions
6. Address problems or questions to the appropriate persons at the appropriate time
7. Organize and prioritize job tasks

BEHAVIORAL SKILLS AND PROFESSIONALISM:

1. Follow policies and procedures required by academic and clinical settings
2. Adheres to College of DuPage Academic Honesty Policy (per College Catalog)
3. Adheres to College of DuPage Code of Conduct (per College Catalog)
4. Abides by the guidelines set forth in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA, i.e., the national privacy act).

EDWARD OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CLEARANCE FORM

NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION CHART REVIEW

*****Form is filled out by Edward Occupational Health - NOT STUDENT*****

College of DuPage Program Name: _____ Semester Clinicals begin: _____

Be advised that: **LAST NAME:** _____ **FIRST NAME:** _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

☐ **Physical Exam Date:** _____
The student is medically cleared to perform essential functions defined by the health programs of College of DuPage.

☐ **Flu Vaccine Date:** _____

Clinic Name: _____

Clinic Address: _____

Manufacturer: _____

Lot #: _____

☐ **Tdap Vaccine Date:** _____

☐ **Td Booster if applicable Date:** _____
(Original Tdap vaccine date required)

☐ **Color Vision:**

Pass: (circle) Yes OR No

☐ **QuantIFERON-TB Gold Blood Test Date:** _____

Result: _____ **Expires:** _____

Only If medically necessary:

☐ **Chest X-Ray Date:** _____

Result: _____ **Expires:** _____

☐ **Annual TB Questionnaire Date:** _____

"Negative" Chest X-Ray in past? (circle) Yes **OR** No

Date of "Negative" Chest X-Ray: _____

Immunity (status) – Positive Antibody/IgG Titers Required for: Hepatitis B, Varicella and MMR.

HEPATITIS B:

For negative or equivocal titer results:

- The complete vaccine series must be completed. **Titer is to be completed 4 weeks subsequent to completion of series.**

Hepatitis B Original Vaccine Series:

☐ **1st Administration Date:** _____

☐ **2nd Administration Date:** _____

☐ **3rd Administration Date:** _____

☐ **Hepatitis B IgG Antibody Titer**

Titer Date: _____ **Result:** _____

Negative or Equivocal Titer:

Vaccine Booster Series

☐ **4th Administration Date:** _____

☐ **5th Administration Date:** _____

☐ **6th Administration Date:** _____

☐ **Repeat Titer Date:** _____ **Result:** _____

VARICELLA:

For negative or equivocal titer results:

- If vaccination series was previously administered, one booster is required. Titer is to be completed 4 weeks subsequent to administration of booster.
- If vaccination series has not been previously administered, the series must be completed and followed by a titer 4 weeks subsequent to the completion of the series

Varicella Original Vaccine Series☐ 1st Administration Date: _____☐ 2nd Administration Date: _____☐ **Varicella IgG Antibody Titer**

Titer Date: _____ Result: _____

Negative or Equivocal Titer:☐ Booster Date: _____☐ Repeat Titer Date: _____ Result: _____**Measles (Rubeola), Mumps & Rubella (MMR):**

For negative or equivocal titer results:

- If vaccination series was previously administered, one booster is required. Titer is to be completed 4 weeks subsequent to administration of booster.
- If vaccination series has not been previously administered, the series must be completed and followed by a titer 4 weeks subsequent to the completion of the series

☐ **MMR Original Vaccine Series**☐ 1st Administration Date: _____☐ 2nd Administration Date: _____☐ **Measles (Rubeola) IgG Antibody Titer**

Titer Date: _____ Result: _____

☐ **Mumps IgG Antibody Titer**

Titer Date: _____ Result: _____

☐ **Rubella IgG Antibody Titer**

Titer Date: _____ Result: _____

Negative or Equivocal Titers:☐ Booster Date: _____☐ Repeat Titer Date: _____ Result: _____**NON-RESPONDERS** have been counseled by a healthcare professional regarding precautions to prevent infection._____
Initial_____
Date

1. ☐ Records have been reviewed and/or examination has been performed by physician. Based on the information, student is clear to perform job duties without physical restrictions.

2. ☐ Cleared with the following restriction (restrictions may prevent acceptance into program).

3. ☐ Based on Physician's report and/or other diagnostic findings, student is **NOT** medically cleared for the health program at the College of DuPage.

Signature_____
Date

FOR EMT & PARAMEDIC PROGRAMS ONLY

QuantiFERON, Drug Screen and Other Important Dates

In addition to all Health Requirements listed in the Health Requirement Packet, the programs below have specific dates you must comply with.

Complete page #9 and page #9 only with your personal/primary care physician only. Be sure to review the immunization requirements outlined in the Health Requirements Packet with your personal/primary care physician and be sure to obtain an up-to-date copy of your immunization history.

Fall 2025 EMT Students

Fall 2025 EMT Students:

QuantiFERON TB Gold Blood Test completed: **12/14/2024 or later**

Drug Test complete **09/15/2025 to 10/15/2025** (Note: If you complete prior to this date, you will need to pay and take another drug test)

Go to www.CastleBranch.com and enter package code: **CB39dt** – Drug Test Only