# 2025-2026

# **Pacific Union College** Major in Emergency Services: A.S.

# **Major Course Requirements**

A minimum of 40.5 hours

#### > Required Core Courses (29.5 hours):

EMER 100	Careers in Emergency Management	1		
EMER 104+105	Emergency Medical Technician I,II	5+6		
EMER 180+181	Fundamentals of Technical Rescue I,II*	3+2		
EMER 225	Public Health for EMS	3		
EMER 235	Emergency Vehicle Operation	2		
EMER 255	Emergency Services Management	3		
EMER 280	Search and Rescue	2		
EMER 281	Emergency Survival	2		
EMER 291	Emergency Services Seminar	.5		
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INFS 240	Introduction to GIS	2
PSYC 260	Death and Dying	4
SPAN 105	Spanish for Healthcare I	3
At least 2-4 hours in the following: Additional ANTH, PSYC, SOCI, or INFS courses in		2-4
consultation with	h the advisor.	

#### > Recommended Elective:

**EMER 273 Emergency Medical Practicum** 2

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

#### Students can:

- Apply medical knowledge and direct proper patient care by employing skills appropriate to the scope and practice of an
- Utilize critical thinking skills to make life-saving decisions concerning pre-hospital care of the sick and injured while under stress.
- Exhibit leadership skills through the use of the incident command system and the chain of command at the scene of an emergency.
- Identify and verbalize techniques to manage stress and develop a balanced lifestyle.
- Express the challenges of serving the needs of a diverse community and demonstrate techniques of providing patient care in spite of potential socioeconomic and language barriers.

# **Occupational Information**

#### What can I do with this major?

Emergency Services is a highly stimulating, competitive, and rewarding field. It offers a variety of opportunities for qualified and assertive individuals, including positions in EMS Agencies, fire departments and hospitals.

An emergency medical technician can find many opportunities to volunteer in the community. In Angwin, CA the local fire department is staffed completely by volunteer EMTs. Not only does the chance to volunteer provide valuable experience for the individual but it provides a higher level of care for the community.

## **Additional Education Required?**

The degree in Emergency Services offered by Pacific Union College is designed to help facilitate the student's entrance into an emergency medical career. Students may choose to continue their training to the level of paramedic or in emergency services management.

### **Job Outlook**

Statistics supplied by the United States Department of Labor indicates that employment of emergency medical technicians is expected to grow by 24% as full-time paid EMTs replace unpaid volunteers.

#### **Earnings**

A survey of California wages show EMTs receiving \$35,000 to \$57,000 annually plus benefits and Emergency Medical Dispatchers receiving \$56,000-\$78,000 annually plus benefits. Wages are higher for EMTs who become paramedics.

<sup>\*</sup> These courses are taken concurrently. Fundamentals of Technical Rescue II includes an experiential component that is conducted during the summer on the American River in Coloma, CA.

# **General Education Requirements**

To view general education requirements for this major, please refer to page A-07, Summary of General Education Requirements: A.S. Degree.

# **How to Construct Your Own Program**

- 1. Counsel with your advisor.
- 2. Consider your aptitudes, interests, and available courses.
- 3. Schedule major courses and cognates first.
- 4. Fill the rest of your schedule with G.E. requirements.
- For the freshman year include English, Religion, and PE courses. Also include Basic Algebra I+II unless waived by previous work.

# What the Degree Includes

A total of 90 quarter hours including:

- 1. General Education requirements.
- 2. Major requirements.
- 3. Minimum 2.0 GPA, overall and major.

#### **For More Information**

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# **Sample Two-Year Program**

This sample curriculum is designed to show you how a program may be constructed to help you select a proper sequence of courses in the major. It is not likely that these courses can always be taken in the order given. Your advisor will help you design a personalized program of studies.

First Year	F	W	S
Careers in Emergency Management		-	-
Emergency Medical Tech I,II	5	6	-
Fundamentals of Technical Rescue I,II*	-	-	3+2
General Education/Electives		9	12
	15	15	15
Second Year	F	w	s
Emergency Vehicle Operations	2	-	-
Emergency Medical Practicum	-	2	-
Public Health	-	3	-
Emergency Services Management	-	-	3
Emergency Services Seminar		-	0.5
Sociocultural Course		-	-
Spanish for Healthcare I	-	3	-
Death and Dying	-	4	-
Search and Rescue	2	-	-
Emergency Survival	-	2	-
Assessment Seminar	-	-	0.1
General Education/Electives	9	3	11.5
	15	15	15.1

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