

CREDENTIAL & CAREER PATHWAYS

HEALTH SCIENCES

Emergency Medical Technician

JOB DESCRIPTION

Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) care for the sick or injured in emergency medical settings. Key duties include: assessing injuries, administering emergency medical care, and transporting injured or sick persons to medical facilities.

EMTs also typically respond to 911 calls for emergency medical assistance, assess a patient's condition and determine a course of treatment, provide first-aid treatment or life support care to sick or injured patients, and report their observations and treatment to physicians, nurses, or other healthcare facility staff.

WHAT SKILLS & TRAINING ARE NEEDED?

SOFT SKILLS:

- EMTs must evaluate patients' symptoms and administer appropriate treatments (Problem-solving).
- EMTs usually work on teams and must be able to coordinate their activities closely with others in stressful situations (Communication).

TECHNICAL AND ACADEMIC SKILLS:

- High school diploma or equivalent and post-secondary certification.
- Appropriate knowledge of human anatomy and physiology.
- Ability to perform CPR and other basic life support skills.

HOW DO I KNOW IF THIS IS A GOOD FIT FOR ME?

- You are a compassionate person and a good listener.
- You enjoy working with others.
- You remain calm in stressful situations.



WHERE CAN I FIND TRAINING?

DELGADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NATIONAL EMS ACADEMY

HOW MUCH WILL I BE PAID PER HOUR?

\$12.19

Entry Level

\$19.83

Typical

\$25.26

Experienced

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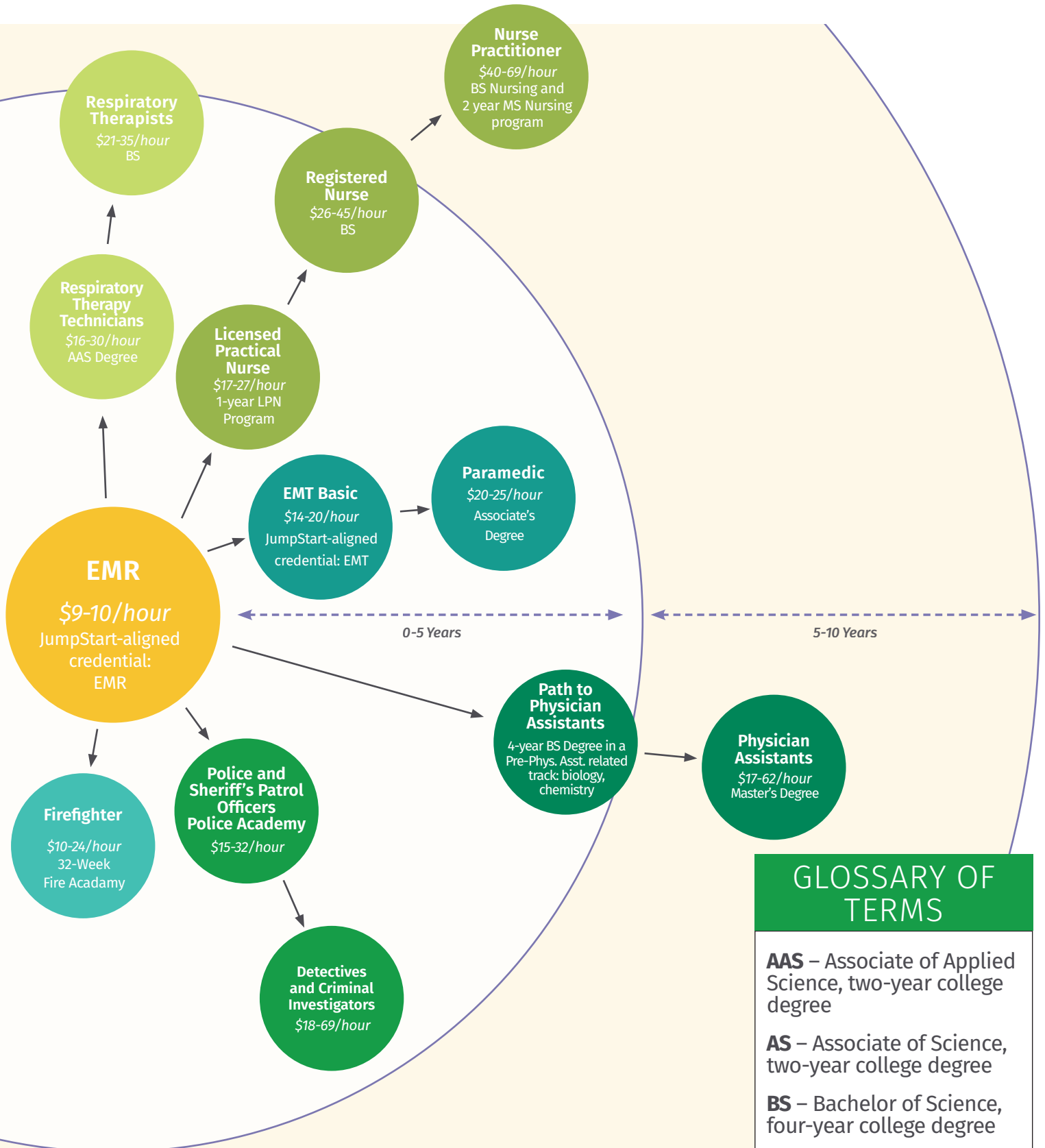


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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

AAS – Associate of Applied Science, two-year college degree

AS – Associate of Science, two-year college degree

BS – Bachelor of Science, four-year college degree