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Manchester Community College's Continuing Education Division offers an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training course that fully prepares students to take the certification exam.

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The MCC Credit-Free course is offered in partnership with the Ambulance Service of Manchester (ASM) LLC, whose staff teaches the MCC course on site at the ambulance building located at 275 New State Road in Manchester.

An EMT is a first responder in the event of accident or illness and must assess injuries, administer emergency medical care, extricate trapped individuals and transport sick or injured people to medical facilities.

The Spring 2014 course begins on Monday, Feb. 24. It runs for 29 Mondays and Wednesdays, through June 4, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. It also includes 7 clinical sessions held on Saturdays, from March 8 through May 17, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The course fee is \$750 (refer to CRN 11584).

"This course will prepare students to sit for the State of Connecticut and National Registry Board EMT Basic examination," said Melissa Osborne, CCEMT-P, NREMT-P, EMS-I, who teaches the course for ASM. "This test is a primary qualification for EMT certification."

ASM, a 2012 recipient of the Governor's Award for Career EMS Services, provides Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to Manchester, East Hartford, Bolton and supplemental paramedic service and transport to the Town of Windsor. ASM also provides paramedic intercept services to Glastonbury, South Windsor, Stafford Springs and Somers and responds to Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) 9-1-1 requests to many surrounding communities in Hartford, Tolland and Windham Counties. Ann Bonney, MCC's director of Credit-Free Programs added, "Taking this course through the MCC partnership with ASM means students have access to hands-on experts in the field for instruction and clinical work, and it provides students with the added benefit of official college transcript that serves as a record of their education."

For more information, call Diane Mitchell, Continuing Education Allied Health coordinator, at 860-512-2826, or to register, contact the Registrar's Office at 860-512-3232, or visit

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