

## Who Should Take EPC

All EMS practitioners who care for ill or injured children should take an EPC course. Typical participants will include EMT-Basics, EMT-Intermediates, and paramedics. Physicians, nurses, physician's assistants and other healthcare professionals who work with prehospital care providers are also encouraged to attend.

## EPC Is Special Because...

We've designed EPC specifically to ensure ill or injured children receive the highest quality of emergency care. We know that pediatric calls can be stressful for everyone involved. We want to help prehospital practitioners learn the skills they need to be comfortable and more confident in assisting children and their family members.

In addition, the EPC program offers flexibility in the delivery of the course. The provider course may be offered in the traditional 16-hour face-to-face format, or in a hybrid format that combines eight hours of online didactics with eight hours of face-to-face interactive stations. This modular course format can fulfill the pediatric clinical and educational needs of an EMS agency while minimizing budgetary and logistical impacts.



Scheduling your EPC course is quick and easy. For more information about hosting a course and for course listings, visit us online at [www.naemt.org/epc](http://www.naemt.org/epc) or contact our Headquarters Office at 800-346-2368.



*An Education Program of*



NAEMT  
P.O. Box 1400  
Clinton, MS 39060  
800-34-NAEMT (800-346-2368)  
[www.naemt.org](http://www.naemt.org)



**The smallest patients  
can present the  
biggest challenges.  
EPC can help.**



Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC) is an education program from the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT). This program is for prehospital practitioners committed to providing quality care for pediatric patients.

## EPC Goals

- To teach the unique aspects of pediatric anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology that affect prehospital assessment and treatment;
- To integrate pathophysiology and assessment findings in the pediatric patient;
- To improve patient assessment skills while incorporating an understanding of the developmental considerations, diagnostic skills and therapeutic interventions necessary to properly care for children;
- To develop and refine the ability to identify conditions that require emer-



gent or urgent intervention and those that require transport to a definitive care facility or a higher level of healthcare provider;

- To improve overall comfort, knowledge and skill levels of the EMS practitioner when caring for sick or injured children; and
- To identify and communicate pertinent findings and interventions to other healthcare providers, including those at the receiving facility.

## What EPC Teaches

EPC participants learn:

- Application of the Pediatric Assessment Triangle (PAT)
- Family centered care



- Assessment skills for pediatric patients
- Critical thinking skills
- Transport decision-making
- Physiological and developmental stages of childhood

Course lectures and interactive sessions address assessment; airway, breathing and circulation; understanding and caring for children; hypoperfusion and shock; cardiac emergencies and congenital cardiac defects; common medical emergencies; trauma; newborn resuscitation; vascular access; care team management; spinal motion restriction; children with special healthcare needs; identification of life threats; scene choreography; transport decisions; and child abuse and neglect