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DORSEY COLLEGE EXPANDS PROGRAM OFFERINGS TO INCLUDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AND PARAMEDIC Dorsey College Now Offers Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic Training Programs

Dorsey College, a trusted name in career training and education here in Michigan since 1934, announced this week that they would be expanding their program offerings to now include an Emergency Medical Technician training program and a Paramedic training program. These programs were previously offered at Dorsey Emergency Medical Academy, a sister school of Dorsey College. These programs at Dorsey College will welcome their first group of new students in 2022.

According to the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, there is a great need for skilled EMTs and Paramedics. Specifically, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of EMTs and Paramedics is projected to grow 11% from 2020 to 2030. * In addition, an article recently published in the [Detroit News](#) highlights the dangerous shortage of firefighters and paramedics locally. Specifically, the article cites that the State of Michigan is at least 1000 paramedics short of the number needed to meet demand, according to the Michigan Association of Ambulance Services. The staffing shortage is impacting local fire departments as well, as they are dealing with not only a shortage of firefighters but paramedics as well. Local fire departments have paramedics on staff due to the increased in medical situations at sites in which they are dispatched to in times of an emergency. **

John Barnes, President and CEO of Dorsey College, commented on this news by saying, "EMTs and Paramedics serve an essential role within our local communities. In times of an emergency, these first responders are among those we rely on most to help our citizens. Dorsey College is an established name when it comes to quality career training here in Michigan, and we couldn't be prouder to now play a bigger role in training future EMTs and Paramedics." Barnes went on to note, "our training programs are designed to ensure our graduates are equipped with the practical skills and knowledge needed to be successful in their new career in the EMS field. We take this very seriously, because to us, it's both a commitment to our students and our local communities."

The Dorsey School was founded by Ruth Dorsey in 1934 and was located in downtown Detroit. Today, Dorsey College, remains committed to providing quality career training that prepares individuals for promising career opportunities in fields such as healthcare, nursing, culinary, beauty, emergency medical services, and skilled trades at various campus locations in Michigan. Dorsey College is accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education. This applies to the Madison Heights campus (which serves as the main campus) and the Dearborn, Roseville, Saginaw, Woodhaven, and Wayne campuses (which are branch campus locations of Madison Heights). In addition, the Dorsey College Paramedic program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). To learn more about Dorsey College, you may visit www.dorsey.edu.

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* Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, EMTs and Paramedics, at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/emts-and-paramedics.htm> (visited October 26, 2021).

** <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2021/10/25/firefighter-paramedic-shortage-michigan-covid-pandemic/8441879002/>