

**OFFICIAL TITLE, SERIES, AND GRADE:
HEALTH TECHNICIAN (INTERMEDIATE), GS-0640-06**

Summary of Major Duties

Health Technician EMT-I

The incumbent of this position is responsible for performing a full range of basic health care duties from routine to specialized during a disaster or major emergency. Performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation, applies splints to broken or suspected broken bones and applies dressings to wounds to stop bleeding and prevent infection. The incumbent carries out the full range of basic life support functions for patients, i.e., cardiopulmonary arrest, checks vital signs (e.g. pulse, blood pressure, shock), observes patients for signs of bleeding and takes immediate steps to slow or stop bleeding. Ensures maximum patient comfort. Assists the medical staff by repairing all wounds not requiring the services of a physician.

Minimum Qualifications

One year of specialized experience directly related to the position equivalent to at least GS-05 in the Federal service that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the position.

Licensure/Certification/Registration

The applicant must have current certification/registration with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and/or local government certification authority as an Emergency Medical Technician (Intermediate) in a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or a territory of the United States. In addition, the applicant must possess current Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) certification.

At the intermediate level the applicant must demonstrate the ability to provide all basic life support measures plus invasive medical procedures such as starting intravenous fluids, or administering certain medications and solutions. The scope of support provided may vary based on differing medical controls and may include some specializations such as Cardiac or Shock Trauma. These individuals supplement paramedic or advanced life support staff.