



Emergency Medical Services Professions Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What campus(s) is the program offered?

North Metro and the Appalachian Campus

Q: What are the most likely job titles one can expect to qualify for once they have completed this program?

- Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)
- Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT)
- Paramedics
- Firefighter
- Emergency Room Technician
- Urgent Care Technician
- Amusement Park Medical Staff
- Camp Medical Staff

Q: What do students express as the thing they enjoy the most about this program?

Students enjoy the fast pace and challenges of emergency medicine.

Q: What is the least?

There is a lot of studying.

Q: What are some typical misconceptions about this program of study?

Most students believe they have to work for a fire department or on an ambulance but paramedics and EMT/AEMTs can work in a variety of locations.

Q: What are some essential skills a student needs to have in order to be successful in program of study?

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| • Excellent interpersonal skills | • Ability to follow detailed directions |
| • Remain calm in high-stress situations | • Teamwork |
| • Make quick critical decisions | • Ability to operate medical equipment |
| • Strong sense of responsibility | • Physically fit |
| • Clear communication | • Astute observation: good eyesight, hearing, eye-hand coordination |
| • Precise documentation | |

Q: What are typical skills and abilities that a student gains once he/she has completed the program of study?

Students learn life-saving skills such as CPR, Oxygen administration, advanced airway management, how to start IVs, intravenous therapy, how to administer life-saving medications, and patient management.

Q: What are some of the typical work activities/occupational functions?

Patient care both in and out of the hospital setting.

Q: What additional training would you recommend for a student who wants to go to the next level in this field?

It is recommended that students pursue the degree options whenever possible. The end goal should always be to reach the highest level of pre-hospital care provider which is Paramedic. The degree in Paramedicine will put you in the best position for a long and exciting career in the Emergency Medical Services Profession.

Q: Are EMTs, AEMTs and Paramedics in high demand?

Yes, there is currently a shortage of EMS providers.

Q: Are there any exams/certifications that a student needs to take after completing the courses? Are these exams/certifications offered on campus?

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certifies EMTs and paramedics. All levels of NREMT certification require completing a certified training or education program and passing the national exam. The national exam has both a written part and a practical part.

All states require EMTs and paramedics to be licensed; requirements vary by state. In most states, an individual who has NREMT certification qualifies for licensure; in some, passing an equivalent state exam is required. Typically to apply for a license, an applicant must be over the age of 18. Many states require background checks and may decide not to give a license to an applicant who has a criminal history.

Q: What are the possible employment settings?

- Fire departments
- Hospitals
- Private rescue services
- Ambulance companies
- Amusement parks
- Industrial plants
- Sporting venue

Q: Do you have the names of some employers?

- Air-Methods Helicopter
- Atlanta Fire Department
- Bartow County EMS
- Bartow County Fire Department
- Cherokee County Fire Department
- Children's Hospital of Atlanta
- Clarks Ambulance
- Cobb County Fire Department
- DeKalb County Fire Department
- Disney World
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Georgia Bureau of Investigation
- Grady EMS
- Gwinnett County Fire Department
- Marietta Fire Department
- Metro Atlanta Ambulance Service
- Paulding County Fire Department
- Pickens County EMS
- Piedmont Hospital
- Puckett EMS
- Roswell Fire Department
- Smyrna Fire Department
- WellStar Hospital

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