



Emergency Medical Services Professions Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What campus location is the program offered?

The programs are currently offered at the North Metro Campus.

Q: What is 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)
- Paramedic
- Firefighter
- Emergency Room Technician
- Urgent Care Technician
- Amusement Park Medical Staff
- Camp Medical Staff

Q: What do students enjoy the most about this program?

Students enjoy the fast pace and challenges of emergency medicine.

Q: What do students enjoy the least about this program?

The program requires the student to study in order to maintain a passing grade, therefore; there is a lot of homework required.

Q: What are some typical misconceptions about this program?

The biggest misconception is that graduates may only work at a fire department or at an ambulance service. Paramedics and EMT/AEMT's work in a variety of health care settings.

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

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

Q: What are typical skills and abilities that a student will gain once the program is completed?

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 option 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 after the program has been completed?

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. 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: Who are some of the employers for an EMT, AEMT and Paramedic graduates?

- 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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