

# ***MetroAtlanta***

## **EMS Academy Consortium**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. Why do we not see general advertising for the program?**

The MetroAtlanta EMS Academy is a privately owned training facility, which accepts students by invitation only. You must be sponsored by a public safety entity prior to being accepted into the program. Notices are sent out to sponsoring agencies prior to opening up for applications. Please contact your agency to see if they are on the contact list.

**2. When are students accepted?**

Applications are accepted, starting the first of November through December of each year. A \$25 application fee is required at the time of submission. Once the application and fee is received, the applicant is contacted to set up academic pre-testing date. You may register for the program [here](#) {add link} if eligible.

**3. What sort of pre-testing is required? Is there study material to help with the examination?**

The MetroAtlanta EMS Academy utilizes the Fisdap entrance exam. The evaluation tool is a general knowledge examination to test the candidate in mathematics, reading comprehension, anatomy & physiology, EMT skills and a brief psychological profile. The test is used in the selection process for the program. As a competitive program, it is one of the tools to help select eligibility. There are no study materials for the examination.

**4. Where are classes taught?**

MetroAtlanta Ambulance Service Headquarters in Marietta, Ga.

**5. When does each program start?**

The program starts in February of each year and runs for one year. The course is structured as a four quarter system.

**6. When do classes meet?**

The Academy' scheduling is a unique design to allow our students to continue working their full-time job assignment and still go to school. Classes meet two days a week on days chosen by the student. Tuesday's class is repeated on Wednesday and Thursday's class is repeated on Friday. This gives the student two different days to pick from for their two in-house class days. In the second quarter, clinical rotations will begin, and the student will be obligated to add one 12 hour clinical rotation at a time/date that is also selected around their personal schedules.

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**7. Where are clinical rotations?**

Ambulance rotations will all be with the MetroAtlanta Ambulance Service in a variety of locations and at different times. Hospital rotations are currently with Cartersville Medical Center in Cartersville, GA.

**8. Does the MetroAtlanta EMS program offer college credits?**

The Academy does not offer college credits, but many of the technical colleges in Georgia will accept the program's certificate and licensure as a Paramedic towards an Associate's Degree by way of credit exemptions. Please contact the technical college of choice for more information.

**9. Can any of the course offerings be taken online?**

No, all material is provided in a classroom or lab setting.

**10. What textbook(s) is required?**

Please go [here {add link}](#) to reference the textbook list. All books are provided as part of the student's tuition and are on a loaner basis only. Books are available for purchase at cost if the student wishes to acquire their own textbook.

**11. What are other requirements of the program? Do I need to provide further documentation?**

There are many other requirements of the candidates which must be met prior to certain events within the program. Deadline dates are given to the students on the first day of class. The following will be needed as the program progresses:

**Clinical requirements:**

MMR	Physical (specific form required)
TB	Drug screening (provided by Academy)
HBV	Initial criminal background check (provided by Academy)
Varicella	Liability Insurance (provided by the Academy)
Influenza	
Tdap	

**Examinations/State Licensure**

Copy of current driver's license (GA)  
Proof of high school graduation  
Copies of all certification cards- Courses to acquire the following

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certifications will be provided by the Academy as needed.  
(BLS, ACLS, AMLS, PHTLS, EPC, PALS)

National Registry of EMTs:

Skills/Practical Exam (provided by Academy)

Written exam- paid by the student in addition to tuition

For more information about the National Registry Exam process, please visit the following website: [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org)

GA License:

GAPS- Criminal background check- paid by student in addition to tuition

License fees- paid by the student in addition to tuition

For more information about the GA licensing process, please visit the website at:  
<http://dph.georgia.gov/EMS>

### **12. Does the Academy offer a payment plan?**

With prior approvals, payment plans may be offered for those individuals without a paying sponsor. Please click [here](#) {add link} for more information.

### **13. Who can I contact for more information?**

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