

MetroAtlanta

Ambulance Service

Paramedic Course FAQs (2022)

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, from December 1 through January 31. A \$25 application fee is required at the time of submission. Once the application and fee are received, the applicant is contacted to set up an academic pre-testing date. If eligible, contact Rob Bozicevich at rob.bozicevich@maas911.com for the application.

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.

4. Where are the classes taught?

MetroAtlanta Ambulance Service Headquarters in Marietta, Ga.

5. When does each program start?

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

6. When do classes meet?

The Academy's 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.

7. Where are clinical rotations?

Ambulance rotations will all be with the MetroAtlanta Ambulance Service in a variety of locations and at different times. Clinical rotations are currently with various Piedmont Hospital locations, Northside Cherokee, and Peachtree Immediate Care facilities.

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?

Caroline's Emergency Care in the Streets 8th Ed. is the current main text. Caroline's is supplemented by the Brady digital library. All books are provided in digital format. The student is also provided the use of an iPad for the duration of the program.

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:

Required Documents:

- Copy of current driver's license (GA)
- Proof of high school graduation
- Copies of all certification cards

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
- Covid-19

12. Does the Academy offer a payment plan?

With prior approvals, payment plans may be offered for those individuals without a paying sponsor.

13. Examinations/State Licensure

National Registry of EMTs:

Skills/Practical Exam (provided by Academy)

Written exam - a testing voucher is provided for the 1st attempt.

For more information about the National Registry Exam process, please visit the following website: www.nremt.org

GA License:

GAPS- Criminal background check- paid by the 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>

14. Who can I contact for more information?

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