

Albany State University ™

DARTON COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Emergency Medical Services

Education Program

APPLICATION PACKET



Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Emergency Medical Services program at Albany State University's Darton College of Health Professions.

The EMS program is made up of 3 individual programs (levels) and each must be successfully completed to move on to the next. (1) Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) is the entry level for EMS. There are no prerequisites to enter at this level. (2) Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) is the second level. Applicants must hold an EMT certification or have successfully completed an EMT program to apply for AEMT. (3) Paramedic (EMT-P) is the final level. Applicants must hold either an EMT or AEMT certification to apply for Paramedic. If the certification is at the EMT level, the applicant also must have successfully completed an AEMT program to apply for Paramedic.

EMS has several certificate and degree options. Applicants for EMT or AEMT should either have the AEMT Certificate, Paramedic Certificate, or the AS in Health Science as their major. Once accepted into the Paramedic program, applicants may elect to change their major to the AS in Emergency Medical Services.

Transfer students should refer all questions concerning *transfer credit equivalency* of courses for the AS in Emergency Medical Services to the Registrar's office (229-500-2035) to make sure the courses they wish to transfer to ASU are equivalent to the courses required for the EMS program.

The EMS program has multiple entry points depending on the level:

- EMT – Fall and Spring (1 or 2 semesters depending on track)
- AEMT – Summer, but is also offered Fall or Spring when there is sufficient enrollment (1 semester)
- Paramedic – Fall (3 semesters)

The deadline dates for applying for each semester are listed under the *Admission Criteria* in the next section. Upon successful completion of each level, students will be eligible to take the comprehensive National Registry Exam. Upon passing these examinations and receiving licensure, graduates will then be qualified for employment. Jobs are available at every level!

***If you have a felony or have been convicted of legal and/or moral violations, NREMT and the state licensure boards have the right to refuse to grant you certification and/or licensure.**

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Professional Healthcare Program – Admission Criteria

To be considered for admission to the Emergency Medical Services program, all applicants must:

Apply and be fully admitted to Albany State University before the admission date for each semester depending on your selected healthcare programs start date. Application for admission due dates for ASU are as follows:

- Fall semester – June 1
- Spring semester – November 1
- Summer semester – April 1

Applicants may apply for admission to ASU using the following link:
<https://www.asurams.edu/enrollment-management/admissions/how-to-apply.php>

It is recommended that students apply to the University at least 1 month prior to the application deadline, as admission processes may take up to 4 weeks to complete (including articulation of transfer evaluations).

Students who have previously attended Albany State University and have not been in attendance for a semester or more (excluding Summer) are required to file an application for readmission, by the deadline dates listed above for admission. Students must be eligible to enroll in the same academic department in which they were last registered. Additionally, all students are required to comply with the provisions of the [Academic Standing Policy](#).

The application for readmission to ASU, can be found at the following link:
<https://www.asurams.edu/enrollment-management/admissions/readmission.php>

Electronically submit your FASFA application for Financial Aid before May 1st of each year.
Information on completing your FASFA can be found at the following link:
<https://www.asurams.edu/enrollment-management/financial-aid/index.php>

****Please note that the application process for Albany State University and your selected healthcare professional program are two separate processes and applications. Acceptance to ASU, does not guarantee acceptance to the professional healthcare program.**

Once the applicant has completed the University application and admission steps listed above, they may begin the professional healthcare program application process, by completing the following steps:

EMS Program Admission Criteria

In addition to meeting the requirements for general college admission, prospective EMS students must submit the following information to their Emergency Medical Services Program advisor:

1. ___ Program application
2. ___ Copy of driver's license
3. ___ Copy of high school diploma or GED equivalency certificate
4. ___ Copy of unofficial transcript(s)
5. ___ Copy of Immunization Record to include the following:
 - Hepatitis B (3 shot series)
 - MMR 1&2
 - Varicella (2 shot series)
 - Influenza (during flu season → August thru March)
6. ___ Copy of any current state or NREMT license(s)
7. ___ Copy of any other certifications (ie, NIMS, TIM, CAH, BLS, etc.)

Completed applications may be dropped off or mailed/mailed to:

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Darton College of Health Professions
ASU-West Campus
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Albany, GA 31707
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Emergency Medical Services Program

Please print neatly and accurately.

Course Interest:

ASU ID#: 900

- EMT/AEMT (*This is the entry-level EMS program*)
- Paramedic (*Must currently be an AEMT or EMT with successful completion of an AEMT program*)

Demographic Information:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Name:	Social Security #:
	Date of Birth:
Address:	Home Phone #:
City:	Cell Phone #:
State: Zip:	
Preferred E-mail Address:	
Have you taken any of the following courses? Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 1100K (<i>Human Anatomy and Physiology for the Health Care Professional</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2411K (<i>Human Anatomy and Physiology I</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 2412K (<i>Human Anatomy and Physiology II</i>)	

Briefly list any medical and/or emergency services experience:

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About the Program

The mission of the ASU / Darton College of Health Professions EMS Education program is to prepare competent entry-level Paramedics in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains with or without exit points at the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and/or Emergency Medical Technician, and/or Emergency Medical Responder levels.

EMS Program Accreditation:

The Albany State University/Darton College of Health Professions EMS Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. CAAHEP accredits programs upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Cardiology, American College of Emergency Physicians, American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians, American College of Surgeons, American Society of Anesthesiologists, National Association of Emergency Medical Services Educators, National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Directors, and National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians cooperate to establish, maintain and promote appropriate standards of quality for educational programs in the Emergency Medical Services professions and to provide recognition for educational programs that meet or exceed the minimum standards outlined in these accreditation Standards. Lists of accredited programs are published for the information of students, employers, educational institutions and agencies, and the public.

Course Approval:

Approval of EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic courses is granted by the Georgia Department of Public Health/Office of EMS and Trauma and will be processed by the Regional EMS Program Official in the EMS Region in which the course will be taught. A complete listing of the Regional EMS Offices is located on the state website at <https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/regional-ems-systems/regional-contacts>.

Non-Discrimination Policy:

Albany State University is committed to equal opportunity, a culture of inclusion, and an environment free from discrimination and harassment in its educational programs, activities, and employment. Albany State University prohibits discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, age, veteran status, gender, or sexual orientation in its programs and activities, including admissions and employment, as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and their implementing regulations.

Financial Aid:

Financial Aid is available for students who qualify.

Albany State University
Financial Aid Department
Ram Central (Building C)
2400 Gillionville Road
Albany, GA 31707
(229)-5004358

[Click here to learn more about Financial Aid at ASU](#)

Click here to visit the [Darton Foundation Scholarship](#) page

Legal Limitations:

The Office of EMS and Trauma requires a fingerprint based criminal background check of applicants for licensure from the (GCIC) Georgia Crime Information Center and the (FBI) Federal Bureau of Investigation. Students should be aware that previous felony or misdemeanor convictions may result in their being denied a license in the State of Georgia. Students that have questions or concerns about licensure requirements may want to contact the [State Office of EMS/Trauma](#) before completing the program.

To satisfy JCAHO requirements clinical affiliates of the program require students to undergo a criminal background check and drug screen before accepting them for clinical rotations.

Student Health Insurance:

It is the policy of the University System of Georgia (USG) that all students of Health Science Programs are required to have student health insurance that meets the minimum standards as set by the USG. Students who are not covered by a policy held by a parent, spouse, company or organization on the approved waiver list or if the policy does not meet the minimum standards must purchase the USG SHIP policy. Students who are already covered by an insurance policy can easily opt out of the plan through a secure on-line process. Once the information has been verified, all changes will be waived. Students who fail to submit creditable health insurance information will automatically be enrolled in and billed for the system-wide student health insurance plan.

[For additional information regarding this University System of Georgia requirement, click here.](#)

This is done after the semester starts and must be repeated each semester.

Additional Requirements:

To satisfactorily complete all levels of certification, the student must have developed the necessary skills to become an entry level practitioner according to his/her level of training. The examples below are not all inclusive and additional disabilities that prove to prevent the performance of essential job functions may be considered on a case by case basis.

- **Visual Acuity** (with/without corrective vision) – Have the visual capacity to identify life-threatening signs of physical distress through objective patient assessment, identify details of a patient’s medications, and with accuracy draw solutions into a syringe when required.
- **Auditory Acuity** (with/without aids) – Have the auditory capacity to accurately obtain a subjective medical history and to complete a patient assessment using an aneroid sphygmomanometer, stethoscope, and other equipment as necessary to detect sounds including but not limited to breath, heart, and bowel.
- **Physical Ability** – Have the physical capacity to safely lift patients and equipment weighing at least 180lbs. with a partner, and have the stamina to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- **Speaking Ability** – Have the capacity to acquire a medical history and other details regarding the subjective assessment from the patient, family members, and/or bystanders and communicate those findings in various manners to coordinate patient care.
- **Manual Dexterity** – Have the capacity to perform intravenous catheterization, fill syringes, and perform other tasks often associated with effective hand-eye coordination.
- **Manage Stress** – Have the capacity to perform without hesitation and with coordinated control, the skills of an EMS Professional during times of mental stress, display principles of patient care consistent with the community standard, and respond positively to correction and modify behavior as required.

Things to think about before applying to the EMS Program:

1. The student will rotate through multiple clinical sites each semester. Clinical sites are located in Albany, Americus, Cordele, Tifton, Ashburn, Sylvester, Leesburg, and additional sites that may be incorporated into the program that meet accreditation standards.
2. You must provide your own dependable transportation to and from clinical sites.
3. You may experience occupational exposure to blood and other potentially infectious material.
4. The student must be able to perform the essential job functions required of an EMS Professional (as described in the additional requirements).
5. Students must be able to follow protocols.
6. Students must maintain confidentiality according to HIPAA guidelines.
7. Students must be able to perform and adapt to emergency situations.
8. Students must maintain a high standard of professionalism, courtesy and cooperation in dealing with patients, coworkers, and visitors despite the stress of a prehospital/hospital work environment.

Additional Fees and Costs:

1. Professional liability insurance is required prior to clinical assignment. Fees are assessed in the first semester as part of the student's Tuition and Fees.
2. Students must complete all required immunizations prior to the start of clinical rotations and are at the expense of the student. Students may submit an exemption form to the clinical site(s) for the COVID-19 and Influenza vaccines. If approved, students must abide by the organization's requirements of wearing a mask, etc.
3. Students are required to have approved uniforms for both class and clinical rotations. This includes a watch with a second hand and may not be a Smart watch or other digital watch.
4. Students will take the following AHA courses: BLS (all levels), ACLS & PALS (Paramedic only). Fees for these courses are assessed in the semester they are taught as part of the student's Tuition and Fees.
5. Students will be required to undergo a criminal background check prior to clinical assignment. PreCheck is the company used by ASU and fees are assessed during the first semester of the program as part of the student's Tuition and Fees.
6. Students will be required to complete a 10-panel + oxy drug screen and PPD(TB) test prior to the start of clinical rotations. The individual cost is the responsibility of the student and varies among the different facilities offering the screenings.
7. Students must be prepared to travel out of town for clinical assignments. The student is responsible for the cost of travel to and from these assignments.
8. Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital requires that student's purchase ACEMAPP for their clearance for clinical rotations through the hospital facilities. The cost is \$50.00 and must be paid before students can upload required documents and begin clinical rotations.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

“Can I skip the other levels and go straight to Paramedic?”

No, the State Office of EMS/Trauma and the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) requires that each level be successfully completed before moving to the next.

“Are all classes face-to-face or can I take classes virtually?”

All classes are face-to-face during the EMT and AEMT programs. The Paramedic program does incorporate some virtual/hybrid options.

“Are there any pre-requisites I need to take?”

The EMS program does not require any pre-requisite courses for EMT. However, completion of both EMT and AEMT are required to apply for Paramedic.

“Where can I learn more about EMS?”