

Frequently Asked Questions: EMT Program

1. Over what period of time does the EMT course run (course duration)?

FALL: Late August through the first week of January

SPRING: First week of January through the first week of June.

2. What do students wear to class?

Comfortable, appropriate attire is recommended until uniform shirts are issued. Once received, students are asked to wear the uniform shirt with comfortable pants when coming to class. EMT pants are optional and can be purchased at various locations. Additional information will be provided at a program orientation prior to the start of class.

3. What supplies do students need to purchase and where should they be obtained?

Students should come prepared on the first night of class to learn and take notes. To that end, we recommend bringing along a notebook and writing instrument. Laptops are also permissible.

4. How many weekend days are required for EMT program?

Usually two full weekends, depending on the weather and how quickly the class is progressing.

5. Are graduates of the program eligible to apply to the paramedic program immediately?

Yes. The state requires that paramedic students are EMT certified for one year before becoming a paramedic; however, this requirement can be satisfied during the 12 month paramedic program. A consultation with the EMS Program Director would be required prior to applying to the paramedic program.

6. How does an EMT recertify if his/her certificate has expired?

This depends on the state in which certification was received and the length of time that certification has been expired. For assistance with the recertification process, contact the Emergency Health Services Federation at (717) 774-7911.

7. What is unique about Lancaster General College's EMT program compared to other programs?

Lancaster General College EMT students are required to complete 40 hours of field clinical time, which is coordinated for you as part of the program. Additionally, we offer HAZMAT-Operations for EMS, EVOG and EMTs assisting ALS. Upon graduation, our students are ready for employment.

8. What salary can a graduate of the EMT program expect?

This depends on the place of employment. Locally, the salaries are approximately \$10 per hour with some employers offering more and some less.

9. What constitutes a passing grade for the EMT course?

80% at the end of the course is considered a passing grade.