

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How do I apply to the program?**

- First you must apply and be accepted for admission to the College.
- Complete an online program application that can be found on the EMS program webpage.

## **When can I apply for the program?**

- EMT accepts applications year-round in fall, spring, and summer.
- AEMT accepts applications for fall and spring entry.
- Paramedic accepts applications for summer entry.

## **I noticed that proof of a current CPR certification is required. Will any CPR card be accepted?**

No. You must provide proof of active/current CPR certification and BLS for Healthcare Providers from the American Heart Association is required. You may take the EMS 100 course that is offered through the College and receive one-credit hour for completion.

## **I want to be a paramedic; can I start there?**

No. You must begin with the EMT program that is completed in one semester.

## **I want to become a firefighter. What certifications do I need?**

You must have at least an EMT license.

## **Do you offer evening classes?**

At the present time, we only offer day classes.

EMT classes meet on Mondays and Wednesday from 9-3:30

AEMT classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-3:30

Paramedic classes are shift-based.

## **But I already have a bachelor's or master's degree. Do I need to go back and take a basic college entrance exam like the ACT?**

Yes. The ACT is one of the scores that is considered for admission to the paramedic program. Without an ACT score your application will not be considered. However, the good news is that if you already have a degree (or even taken your general required courses) you should be "over" prepared for the ACT.

## **What is a shift-based schedule?**

EMTs normally work 24/48 shifts, where they are on duty for 24 hours and off 48 hours. On the shift-based schedule, paramedic students come to classes for six hours two days a week for the three-semester program to complete their paramedic courses.

The shift-based schedules will be on a rotation between the usual A, B, and C shifts most fire departments and ambulance services use.