

Daytona State College EMS Department FAQ's

Q: Can you tell me some information about the EMS programs?

A: Information can be found in the links below:

- Application information: <http://www.daytonastate.edu/ses/ems/index.html>
- Program guides for EMS degree, EMT program and paramedic program

<http://daytonastate.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2017-2018/College-Catalog/Program-Guides>

Q: How much does the program cost?

A: Approximate Tuition and Fees as of August 2017

EMT: \$1,562

Paramedic 1: \$1,688

Paramedic 2: \$1,534

Paramedic 3: \$1,523

Internship: \$471

Q: Are there any prerequisites for the programs?

A: EMT, no. Just completion of the application process.

Paramedic: Completion of an EMT program.

We do recommend completion of a college-level math and English course, but not required.

Q: How do I get into an EMS program?

A: First you need to complete an application for admission to Daytona State College (if you are not a current student). The next step would be to successfully complete the EMS application packet.

Q: What needs to be done to get a spot in the program?

A: The ENTIRE EMS application process (2 components) must be completed to gain acceptance. 1) Part I of Application, 2) Part II of Application and. If the application is not complete, you will not be guaranteed a spot in the upcoming semester. Applications must be submitted to the EMS department.

Q: Where do I go to get the drug screen and fingerprints?

A: There is an instruction sheet in part II of the application on how to order and pay for both. You will then receive email confirmation with further instruction on locations.

Q: How will I know if I am accepted into the program?

A: EMS programs are limited access programs, meaning we can only accept a set number of students each semester. Seats are given on a first come, first serve basis to those with 100% completed applications. This includes clearing all application requirements. We continue to take applications until classes are full **OR** the application deadline, whichever comes first. You may likely get a verbal confirmation of acceptance if you turn your application in in person. Each student that is accepted into the program will get an acceptance letter in the mail (to home address provided) immediately after the application deadline. You can find deadline information on the EMS home page.

Q: What happens if I do not get my application in before the classes are full?

A: As long as your application is complete, you will be placed on a wait list in the event a spot becomes available. If that does not happen, all of your application information will carry over and you will be guaranteed a spot in the following semester.

Q: Do the EMS programs qualify for financial aid?

A: The EMT program on its own does not. Our EMS Degree program and Paramedic program both do.

Q: Do Veterans benefits cover tuition for these programs?

A: Yes

Q: Are there scholarships available for these programs?

A: Since EMT does not qualify for financial aid, there is a scholarship available. You need to go to the scholarships link on the DSC home page (daytonastate.edu) and complete the application. The scholarship is called “The Jordan Troian Memorial Scholarship for EMT or Fire Academy”.

Q: Once accepted, when will I get my class schedule, book, uniform and registration information?

A: Each semester we run a MANDATORY orientation for all students. The orientation information will be provided on the student’s acceptance letter. Students receive all class information at this time.

Q: Where can I find the class schedules?

A: Schedules are unfortunately not finalized until a couple of months prior to the start of each semester. Paramedic classes run on either Volusia County Fire or Volusia County EMS friendly schedule, and change depending on the semester. The EMT program offers both a day or night time option. Classes generally run as follows, but not a guarantee and subject to change:

Day class: Lecture on a rotational schedule (days of week vary) 8:30a.m-12:30pm

Lab days vary (usually two days a week) 1pm-5:30pm

Night class: Lecture on Tuesday and Thursday from 6pm-10pm

Lab on Monday and Wednesday from 6pm-10:30pm (additional Friday's may be added in summer semester)

All clinical shifts are scheduled on your own free time.

Q: When do I register and pay for classes?

A: Students cannot register for classes on their own until they have completed the EMS application process and orientation. Attempts to register prior will lead to being “locked out” of your account. Once students are granted permission to register, the system will then generate a due date. You can pay in full or contact Student Accounts to discuss a payment plan option.

Q: The flu shot is mandatory for the fall semester, but is not available yet, can I still get into the program?

A: Yes. We are aware that the requirement for fall is difficult to meet prior to the deadline. We let students enter this semester only without the flu vaccine. They will be given a deadline at the start of the semester to get their flu shots completed by.

Q: Are there any exceptions/exemptions in regards to the fingerprints and drug screen?

A: No.

Q: Are there EMS classes offered at all campuses?

A: No, the EMS classes are only offered at the Advanced Technology College in Daytona.

Q: Can I pre-order books and uniforms before being accepted?

A: No, we highly recommend you do not order anything until acceptance is guaranteed.

Q: Where do I get forms notarized?

A: You can go to any location that offers notary services in the county.

Q: What immunizations are required, and are there any exceptions?

A: All immunizations listed below are 100% required for program entry, there are no exceptions to this. It is a clinical site requirement. We need official, documented proof of the following:

- Tetanus booster (recommended less than 10 years)
- Hepatitis B series (3 shots)
- Tuberculosis (must be less than one year old)
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)
- Varicella (chicken pox)
- Current Flu shot (fall and spring semesters only)

Q: What if I can't find my vaccination records?

A: A blood titer can be performed to check for immunity to all the above diseases. If the results are negative, you will have to get the vaccinations and provide proof.