

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

General Information

- **Where can I learn more about the EMS Program?**
 - Website: <https://www.chesapeake.edu/allied-health/ems>

- **What are the different levels of EMS clinicians in Maryland?**
 - <http://www.miemss.org/home/Portals/0/Docs/EducationCert/EMS-Clinicians-Descriptions-202102.pdf?ver=2021-02-10-091808-893>
 - The college offers EMT and paramedic education. (EMS 518/519)

- **Do I need to belong to an EMS or fire department before applying?**
 - No. You can become a Nationally Registered Paramedic without an affiliation, but Maryland will require it before issuing your Maryland license.

- **Do I need to become an EMT prior to applying for the EMS 518/519 programs?**
 - Yes. It is a national requirement that all paramedic students be certified as an EMT first. (regardless of other medical certifications/licenses)

- **Is there a minimum age requirement?**
 - Yes, the national requirements state that all students be at least 18 years old on the first day of paramedic class. (Does not apply to pre-requisite classes)

- **Is there a minimum EMS experience or call requirement?**
 - No, but experience is desired. Applicants are awarded more admissions points based on the number of EMS calls they have handled.

- **Are there any prerequisites?**
 - Yes. Please refer to the EMS Application Checklist for more information.
 - EMS 518 and 519 have different pre-requisites.

- **When are classes?**
 - For the Fall I, Spring, and Fall II semesters: The classes will meet every Tuesday or Thursday and about 5 Sundays per term. The classes start at 8:30 AM and end at 4:30 PM. Cohorts starting in odd years have classes on Thursdays.
 - This is a hybrid program. The website provides more information.

- **Will I need to complete a criminal background check and drug screening?**
 - Yes, the college's clinical partners require this to be completed before the first clinical class.
 - The students will start this process in the first fall semester.
 - MIEMSS will also perform another criminal background check when the graduate applies for a Maryland license.
 - Employers may also perform a criminal background check and/or drug screening.
- **Can I use a recently completed background check or drug screening?**
 - No, the college and clinical partners use Pre-Check for this process.

Application Process

- **Does the EMS Program have a program specific application process?**
 - Yes. The applications can be downloaded from the website.
 - The application period opens January 15th and the applications are due March 31st.
 - The EMS Application Checklist should be used as a guide.
- **Can I submit my application packet before January 15th?**
 - No. We request that applicants adhere to the schedule.
- **When is the admission decision made?**
 - The EMS Program Director will send applicants an email in late April or early May with the admission decision.
- **How many students are accepted?**
 - Maximum of twenty new students per cohort

Estimated Cost

- **How much does the class cost?**
 - Refer to the "Estimated Cost" section of the website
- **Can I use Federal Financial Aid or VA Benefits to pay for the class?**
 - Yes.

Please contact Mr. Jon Longest with any questions.

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