

EMT Frequently Asked Questions

General Information

- **Where can I learn more about the college EMT 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 registering?**
 - No. You can become a Nationally Registered EMT without an affiliation, but Maryland will require it before issuing your Maryland EMT card.
- **When are the EMT classes usually offered?**
 - The college typically offers three EMT classes per year starting in January, May, and August.
- **Do I need to become an EMT prior to taking the paramedic courses? (EMS 518/519)**
 - Yes. It is a national requirement that all paramedic students be certified as an EMT first. (regardless of other medical certifications/licenses)
- **Once the class starts, will it be cancelled if the enrollment drops?**
 - No. Once the college starts a class it will finish regardless of attrition.
- **How long is the course?**
 - The course is about 15 weeks, but the state and national tests will take an additional 2-3 weeks.
 - 175 hours (some hours online)
- **Will this class allow me to become a Maryland EMT?**
 - Yes. Upon successful completion, you will become a Nationally Registered EMT and a Maryland certified EMT.
 - More information: <http://www.miemss.org/home/ems-providers/initial-certification>
 - Criminal background check completed prior to certification by MIEMSS.

- **What is the class schedule?**
 - Two evenings per week (6 PM-10 PM) with 4-5 Saturday classes (8:30- 4:00) spread out over the entire class.
- **Is the instruction face-to-face or hybrid?**
 - The class combines face-to-face instruction with online learning. The online activities can include: video presentations, discussions, practice tests, quizzes, and other projects.
 - Each face to face class can include lecture, demonstrations, and lab
- **Will I need to have a criminal background check and drug screening?**
 - This is not required to register for the EMT class, but MIEMSS and/or your employer will require a criminal background check and a drug screening before certification and/or employment.

Registration and Cost

- **Are there any prerequisites?**
 - Yes. They are outlined in more detail on the Registration Checklist (on website)
 - Must be at least 18 years old on the first day of class
 - Must have a computer and reliable high speed internet
 - Complete the reading assessment. (or be exempt)
- **What are my options if I cannot pass the reading assessment?**
 - You are given two chances to pass
 - After a second failed attempt, contact advising for information on which English course will be needed. Advising@chesapeake.edu
- **How do I register?**
 - The Registration Checklist (on the website) provides detailed instructions.
- **The class is composed of three sections. Do I need to register for all three?**
 - Yes
- **When is the registration deadline for each class?**
 - Technically, you can register up until the first day of class. No one can register after the first class.
 - However, we recommend that students register as soon as possible.



- WIB or grant funding can take a month or more to complete
 - It is easier to afford the college payment plan (if that is needed)
 - Need the textbook prior to the start of class
 - Funding is “first come, first serve”
 - Class size is limited
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- **How much does the class cost?**
 - About \$1,200 not including books

 - **Can I use Federal Financial Aid to pay for the class?**
 - No. This class is non-credit therefore not eligible for federal aid.

 - **Are there any grants or scholarships for EMT?**
 - The answer is usually “yes”, but it is not guaranteed. The Registration Checklist contains the latest information (on website)

 - **Where can I buy the textbook?**
 - College bookstore
 - Can be purchased elsewhere, but must include the online resource access

 - **After I register, will anyone contact me prior to the first class?**
 - Yes. The college will send you an email with the class location, schedule, textbook information, and the syllabus.

Please contact Mr. Jon Longest with any questions.

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