

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Paramedic Program

2025 Application Process Information

This is a limited enrollment program held at Oakton College/Skokie Campus

Attention! This is our first year of an entirely updated application process. Please review everything thoroughly.

EMT to Paramedic Bridge Seminar Information *(for those interested – this is not a requirement for applicants)*

The EMT to Paramedic Bridge Seminar is a 16-hour continuing education seminar designed to bridge the gap between EMT and Paramedic Programs. Our goal is to prepare students for success when it comes to the high standards of a Paramedic Program. This informal seminar is aimed to motivate and excite students interested in the EMS field with lectures, hands on learning, and interactive discussions. The seminar fee is \$200. This seminar has an IDPH site code, and all participants will receive a certificate on the last day of class to use for continuing education hours should their EMS System accept it. **Note: This seminar is not a requirement for applicants.**

Seminar content includes:

- -BLS Review
- -Anatomy and Physiology/Body Systems
- -Cardiac
- -Common Diseases/Conditions and associated Pathophysiology
- -Pharmacology
- -Paramedic Program Entrance Exam Prep

Seminar sessions (must choose only one - each session is the same):

Session 1: January 2025: 21, 23, 28, 30 (all dates from 5-9pm)

Session 2: February 2025: 18, 20, 25, 27 (all dates from 5-9pm)

Seminar Location:

LGH CREAD (Center for Research, Education, and Development) - Located on ground floor level of East Pavilion building (back of Children's Hospital). Detailed directions will be sent with registration confirmation.

TO REGISTER: Please use QR Code or link below:



<https://forms.office.com/r/syVAPSKjQL?origin=lprLink>

Registration is open now. The seminar fee must be paid via a credit or debit card over the phone or in-person by contacting Jenni Kus (jennifer.kus@aah.org) to make an appointment .

Important Dates:

- Entrance testing (Computer Exam): **March 5th and 10th**. Two sessions will be offered on each date: 9:30am-11:30am or 1:30pm-3:30pm.
- Entrance testing (Practical Skills Exam): **April 8th and 10th** starting at 9am. All retakes will be on **April 14th**.
- Applications due (only accepted from candidates that pass both computer and skills exams): **May 1, 2025**
- Applicant Interviews: (by appointment): Will be held during week of May 12th
- Fall 2025 Paramedic Program begins: **August 18, 2025**

- ❖ **Tuition:** \$5,000.00. All students who are not employed by an ALGH EMS System pre-hospital provider are subject to a non-refundable fee of \$500.00 payable to ALGH. This fee is due before the first day of class. Oakton College offers tuition payment plans that can be set up after registration is complete. Payment plan information can be found on the [Oakton College website](#) (Paying for College). **Detailed registration and tuition payment instructions will be provided at the appropriate time after a candidate is chosen as a student.*

- ❖ **This Paramedic Program is not currently eligible for financial aid or tuition assistance.** Military tuition assistance may have limitations due to how our program is billed by Oakton College. Military applicants should visit [Description of Military Benefits \(oakton.edu\)](#), thoroughly research the information, and contact an Oakton Veterans Representative to verify TA acceptance. This should be done before you pursue our program application process. **All applicants should be financially prepared to cover the cost of tuition if you apply to the ALGH Paramedic Program.**

Step I – Register for the Computer Entrance Exam

- Interested candidates must pass both our computer and skills exams **before** you will be permitted to apply to our Paramedic Program.

- Our scenario-based computer exam will test your EMT knowledge through 120 multiple choice questions. A score of **80% or higher** is considered passing. An exam outline is attached. You will have one chance to retake the exam if you do not receive a passing score on your first attempt. If you fail your retake, you will not be permitted to move forward in the process and are invited to try again next year.

- **The initial computer exam will be held March 5th and 10th at the Oakton/Skokie campus in the 2nd floor computer lab. The session times offered will be 9:30am-11:30am or 1:30pm-3:30pm.** Retakes will be scheduled separately on March 7th, 14th, and 19th.

- Register for the Applicant Computer Exam via the QR Code or link below:



<https://forms.office.com/r/EnAJ2wpwxwm?origin=lprLink>

***Registration is open now through February 28, 2025**

Step II-Register for the Practical Skills Entrance Exam

- Only candidates that have **passed** the computer exam with an 80% or better will be permitted to continue through the process and register for the Practical Skills exam.
- Our Practical Skills exam is scenario-based and consists of the following 3 stations: Medical Assessment, Cardiac Assessment, and Trauma Assessment. All stations are pass/fail. Each candidate will get one opportunity to retake one failed station, not each failed station. No other retakes are permitted.
- **The Practical Skills exam will be held on April 8th, 10th, and 14th, at LGH.** Whether we need all 3 exam dates depends on the number of candidates that pass the computer exam. You will receive a confirmation email from Jenni Kus containing directions and instructions before the exam.
- **Registration for the skills exam will open on March 6th, 2025, and close on March 31st.** Register on/after March 6th via the QR Code or link below only if you have taken and passed our computer exam.



<https://forms.office.com/r/FWxVt7a5vT?origin=lprLink>

Step III-Submit an ALGH EMSS Paramedic Program Application

- Applications must be submitted **online** via a program called Better Impact. Instructions for submission will be emailed separately to candidates that pass both the computer and skills exams. No paper applications will be accepted.
- **The application deadline will be May 1, 2025, at 3:00pm.**
- These documents will be required to upload into Better Impact when applying:
 - Copy of Illinois driver's license
 - Copy of valid IDPH EMT license
 - Copy of valid American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR card
 - Transcripts (unofficial transcripts) from highest level of education completed
 - Resume, complete with 3 references that are not family/related to you.
 - Letters of personal and/or professional recommendation outlining strengths and character. These may be uploaded by you into Better Impact or emailed directly to Jenni Kus (jennifer.kus@aah.org) from the letter writer. Up to 3 letters will be accepted.
- **There is a \$50 application fee, which must be paid via a credit or debit card over the phone or in-person by making an appointment with Jenni Kus (jennifer.kus@aah.org).** Fee payments will not be accepted until April 15th, and only after the candidate has submitted their application via Better Impact. **Your application will be revoked and deleted from the online system if the fee has not been paid by the May 1st 3:00pm deadline.**

Step IV-Oral Interview

- Candidates that have passed both the computer and skills exams, and successfully submitted their complete application online via Better Impact, will be permitted to set an appointment for their Oral Interview. An invitation to set the oral interview appointment will be emailed to you by Jenni Kus. **Interviews will be held in-person at the ALGH EMS System Office in Niles across from LGH (8820 Dempster St).**
- Interviews will be held by appointment during the week of May 12th. Specific dates to be determined later.

The number of students accepted into the ALGH 2025 Paramedic Program is contingent upon the number of openings to complete the infield evaluation on an ambulance with a Preceptor, meaning we can only accept as many students as we have ambulance ride spots. Notification of acceptance into the program or rejection will be sent via email by Jenni Kus after the oral interview process has ended. We expect to notify candidates no later than June 1st.

2025 Computer Entrance Exam Blueprint

Preparation and Operations (18 questions)

- A. EMS Systems & Research
- B. Safety & Wellness
- C. Documentation
- D. System & Therapeutic Communications
- E. Medical, legal & ethical issues
- F. Multiple & Mass Casualties

Pharmacology (9 questions)

- A. Pharmacology Principles
- B. Medication Administration

Airway Management, Ventilation and Oxygen Therapy (12 questions)

- A. Airway Management
- B. Physiology of Respiration
- C. Artificial Ventilation

Patient Assessment (14 questions)

- A. Scene Size-up
- B. Primary Assessment
- C. History Taking
- D. Secondary Assessment
- E. Reassessment
- F. Monitoring Devices

Medical Emergencies (42 questions)

- A. Neurology
- B. Abdominal Disorders
- C. Immunology
- D. Infectious Diseases
- E. Endocrine Disorders
- F. Psychiatric Disorders

- G. Cardiovascular Disorders
- H. Toxicology
- I. Respiratory Emergencies
- J. Hematology
- K. GI/Renal
- L. Gynecology

Shock & Resuscitation (5 questions)

Shock & Hemorrhage Management

Trauma (33 questions)

- A. Trauma Assessment
- B. Bleeding
- C. Chest Trauma
- D. Abdominal & GU Trauma
- E. Orthopedic Trauma
- F. Injuries to the Head, Neck, Face & Spine
- G. Nervous System Trauma
- H. Environmental Trauma
- I. Multi-System Trauma

Special Populations (17 questions)

- A. Pregnancy/Obstetrics
- B. Neonatal Care
- C. Pediatrics
- D. Geriatrics
- E. Special Challenges