

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Paramedic Program

2026 Application Process Information

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

Important Dates:

- Computer Entrance Exam: **Offered February 4th, 11th, 18th from 9am-12pm on all dates.**
- Online applications due (must pass computer exam to apply): **12pm on April 3rd**
- Fall 2026 Paramedic Program begins: **August 17, 2026**

Program Cost Information

- **Tuition:** \$5,000.00. 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 for the paramedic program.*
- All students who are not employed by an ALGH EMS System pre-hospital provider (fire department) are subject to a non-refundable fee of \$500.00 payable to ALGH. This fee is due before the first day of class.
- **This Paramedic Program is not generally 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 tuition assistance 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 our computer exam **before** you will be permitted to apply for our Paramedic Program.
- Our scenario-based computer exam will test your EMT knowledge through 150 multiple choice questions. An exam outline is attached to the end of this packet. **You are given one exam attempt and must obtain a minimum passing score of 75% to move forward** in the application process. Candidates that do not pass the exam are invited to try again another year.
- **The computer entrance exam will be offered on: February 4th, 11th, and 18th, from 9am-12pm on all dates.** The exam will be held in the 2nd floor computer lab of the Oakton College/Skokie campus (7701 Lincoln Ave, Skokie). Confirmation emails will be sent containing your computer room assignment and user login information.

Register for your desired session of the Applicant Computer Exam via the QR Codes or links below. Each exam date has its own registration link. You will be asked to provide a desired backup date in case your 1st choice is full. Exam registration will be accepted up to 7 days prior to each February session date.

Session 1 Exam Registration: Wednesday, February 4, 2026, from 9am-12pm:



<https://forms.office.com/r/dfHnk276XL>

Session 2 Exam Registration: Wednesday, February 11, 2026, from 9am-12pm:



<https://forms.office.com/r/b62aRCBk04>

Session 3 Exam Registration: Wednesday, February 18, 2026, from 9am-12pm:



<https://forms.office.com/r/rtHBXHg1UH>

Step II - ALGH EMS System Paramedic Program Application

- Candidates that pass the computer exam will receive a paper document as they leave that day with the QR code/link and instructions for our online application via a program called Better Impact.
- **The application deadline is Friday, April 3rd at 12:00pm.**
- **The following documents will be required to upload into Better Impact when applying. Please start gathering these documents ahead of time to speed up your application process.**
 - ✓ 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 that highlight 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 per applicant.
- **There is a non-refundable \$50 application fee, payable by credit/debit card. Please make an appointment with Jenni Kus (jennifer.kus@aah.org) to pay by phone or in-person. Your application will be denied if the fee is not paid by the April 3rd, 12:00pm deadline.**

Step III - Oral Interview

Candidates that have successfully applied may be invited for an interview. **The number of interviews granted will depend on available program spots and total number of applicants.** Interview invitations will be emailed by Jenni Kus. Interviews will be held in-person at the ALGH EMS System Office in Niles across from LGH (8820 Dempster St) throughout the month of April. Specific dates are TBD.

Step IV – Program Acceptance

The number of students accepted into the ALGH 2026 Paramedic Program is contingent upon the number of available openings to complete the Capstone Field Internship on an ambulance with a Preceptor. This means 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 by the end of May.

2026 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