Advocate Lutheran General Hospital EMS System
8820 Dempster St.
Niles, IL 60714

# Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
# Paramedic Program
# 2027 Application Process Information

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

**Important Dates:**

- Computer Entrance Exam: **May 12, 13, and 14**
- Online applications due (must pass computer exam to apply): **May 31**
- In-Person Interviews of top 50 candidates: **June 7,8,9,10**
- Selected candidates will be notified by **June 21**
- Fall 2027 Paramedic Program begins: **August 23, 2027**

## Program Cost Information

- **Tuition:** $5,000.00.

- 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 by Friday, August 13th** and must be paid via credit card or with debit card by phone or in-person.

- **All applicants must be financially prepared to cover the cost of tuition and additional fees if you apply to the ALGH Paramedic Program.**

- **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.

- Oakton College offers tuition payment plans that can be set up after enrollment 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.* ***Do not*** *register for Oakton College until chosen as a student and instructed to do so. Existing Oakton students chosen for the program will receive instructions on how to register for our course.*
    - Pursuant to our process, students will generally be enrolled in time to qualify for payment plan options, if interested, as follows. Tuition can also be paid in full. See Oakton website for exact deadlines.
        - Enrolled by (date approximate) June 25: 10% down payment then 5 monthly payments July-Nov
        - Enrolled by (date approximate) July 25: 20% down payment then 4 monthly payments Aug-Nov

- Once accepted into the program, students are responsible for additional expenses, including but not limited to textbooks, workbooks, immunizations, required uniform, extra uniform shirts, etc. These expenses are estimated to range from $450 to $1000, depending on individual needs and items purchased. We do our best to minimize expenses where possible, but applicants must understand that this is an investment in themselves and prepare financially ahead of time.

## Program Requirements

Applicants to the ALGH Paramedic Program should be aware of the following requirements before applying.

- See **Step II** below for application requirements.
- If chosen as a student, proof of the following will be required by **July 30th**. *Jenni Kus will contact you after acceptance with more information.*
    - Medical health insurance coverage
    - Immunization records
    - Recent medical physical exam
    - Background check
    - TB and Influenza Vaccines
    - *Other vaccines as required if immunization records are not up to date.*

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**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: May 12 and 13 at 1pm, and May 14 at 9am.** 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 in March 2027 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.

**Session 1 Exam Registration: Wednesday, May 12th, 2027, from 1pm-4pm:**

Applicant Computer Exam Registration # 1 – Fill out form

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**Session 2 Exam Registration: Thursday, May 13th, 2027, from 1pm-4pm:**

Applicant Computer Exam Registration # 2 – Fill out form

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**Session 3 Exam Registration: Friday, May 14th, 2027, from 9am-12pm:**

Applicant Computer Exam Registration # 3 – Fill out form

## Step II - ALGH EMS System Paramedic Program Application

- Candidates that pass the computer exam will receive a paper document as they leave that day containing the QR code/link and instructions for our online application.

- **The application deadline is Monday, May 31st, 2027, at 3pm. That is just over 2 weeks from your exam date.**

- **The following documents will be required to upload into the online application 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 the application or emailed directly to Jenni Kus (jennifer.kus@advocatehealth.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@advocatehealth.org) to pay by phone or in-person. Your application will be denied if the fee is not paid by the May 31st 3pm deadline**.

## Step III - Oral Interview

The top 50 scorers on the computer exam will be chosen to interview. This is a limited enrollment program. Interview invitations will be emailed by Jenni Kus shortly following the exams in May**.** Interviews will be held in-person at the ALGH EMS System Office in Niles across from LGH (8820 Dempster St) on **June 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2027.** *Dates subject to change based on panel schedules.

## Step IV – Program Acceptance

The number of students accepted into the ALGH 2027 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 sometime between **June 11-21, 2027.**

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## 2027 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

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**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