



2019 PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital

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Oakton Community College

This is a limited enrollment program

Prerequisites:

You must have:

- ✓ A current Illinois Department of Public Health EMT License
- ✓ EMT experience or:
 - 40 hours of ambulance ride time (Proper documentation of ride time must be included with the Paramedic Program Application Form) or:
 - Successful completion of an EMT to P Bridge Program/Seminar (contact Jenni Kus for information. ALGH has seminars scheduled for Feb 4, 6, 11, 13 and March 19, 21, 26, 28)

Paramedic Program Application Form:

- ✓ Submit your Paramedic Program Application Form with a \$50.00 application fee (cash, check or money order payable to "ALGH") by **3:00 PM, Friday, April 12, 2019**
- ✓ Applications can be sent via email to: Jenni Kus jennifer.kus@advocatehealth.com
(*Emailed applications will not be processed unless the \$50 application fee and all supporting documents have been received by the ALGH EMS System Office by the deadline.*)
- ✓ Applications and payments can be mailed or dropped off in person to the address below (all supporting documentation must be enclosed or included as part of the application):

ALGH EMS System Office

Attn: Jenni Kus

8820 Dempster Street

Niles, IL 60714

Missing documents (i.e. 40 hours of ambulance ride time, Oakton's assessment test results, a letter of good standing, and current continuing education hours) may be cause for disqualification.

Written Assessment Tests and Practical Skills Testing:

- ✓ **RSVP for the Written Assessment Test on the Paramedic Program Application Form (bottom of page 1– check the appropriate box for date/time).**
- ✓ The **Written Assessment Test** (computer-based testing) will take place at Oakton Community College, Skokie Campus, Computer Lab (P232), on **Monday, April 29th or Tuesday, April 30th** (P231)
- ✓ Registration is from 8:00 AM – 8:15 AM for the morning session and 12:00 PM – 12:15 PM for the afternoon session. The test will take approximately two (2) hours. (There is a 150 question exam on basic EMT knowledge). Date and times for the Practical Skills Test will be assigned first come/first serve for those that pass the written test before you leave from the Computer Labs.





- ✓ The **Practical Skills Test** will take place at Oakton Community College, Skokie Campus, on **Tuesday, May 14th and/or Thursday, May 16th**. (Rooms P103/P104). The test consists of 7 practical skills stations: CPR/AED, Medical Assessment, Trauma Assessment, Spinal Immobilization, Limb Immobilization, Hare Traction, and Bandaging).
*NOTE: Late applicants will be disqualified. Bring a photo ID (to both sessions). Wear comfortable clothing and closed-toed (no high-heeled) shoes to the Practical Skills Test. Use of any electronic devices during the testing process will be grounds for immediate disqualification. **There are no make-ups for missed tests and exams.***

Oral Interview Process:

- ✓ Interview dates to be announced to those that have passed the written and practical skills tests and will be held after written and practical skills testing have been completed.
- ✓ The interview; conducted by a panel of ALGH EMS staff, Oakton's EMT Chair, and possibly fire department personnel; will take place at ALGH EMSS Office, 8820 Dempster Street, Niles, IL 60714. Review your application before the oral interview; the panel may ask questions based on your application responses. Be prepared to speak about your character, why you want to be a paramedic, and future EMS plans. **Business attire is highly recommended.** Don't be late.

Placement on the Eligibility List & Final Acceptance

- ✓ Successful applicants will be placed on the paramedic eligibility waiting list based upon the results of their written EMT Knowledge Exam, Practical Skills Test, assessment and placement tests, and the oral interview.
- ✓ The number of students accepted into ALGH 2019 Paramedic Program is contingent on the number of available openings to complete the infield evaluation on an ambulance with an ALGH preceptor. Notification of acceptance into ALGH 2019 Paramedic Program will be sent via email after testing and oral interview processes have been completed.
- ✓ Start date for ALGH 2018 Paramedic Program is **Monday, August 26, 2019**, at Oakton Community College, 7701 N. Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, IL 60077, Room TBA.
- ✓ Participants will be required to:
 - Pass a background check
 - Pass a random urine/drug screen check
 - Submit verification of health insurance and a current physical exam
 - Submit results of blood titers for rubeolla, rubella, mumps, varicella, and hepatitis B. Student must show sufficient immunity to above communicable diseases (if not, must receive booster vaccinations as needed)
 - Recent TB test, tetanus and flu vaccinations



Tuition:

- Tuition is \$5,000.00 for non- sponsored/non-affiliated (independent) students
- Tuition is \$4,500.00 for sponsored/affiliated students (employed by one of our ALGH EMS System Pre-hospital Providers)
- There is a \$250.00 non-refundable deposit due before the first day of class. Tuition balance will be \$4,750.00 for non-sponsored/non-affiliated students and \$4250.00 for sponsored/affiliated students. Your tuition balance is paid to Oakton after the start of class. Further information will be provided to you at that time.

Textbooks:

- The list of required books will be provided with the acceptance letter. It is the responsibility of the applicant to purchase the correct books prior to the first day of class.



Prior to acceptance into the ALGH EMSS Paramedic Program, all candidates are required to submit to and pass a criminal background check and/or drug screen.

Students who refuse a criminal background check and/or drug screen will not be considered "clear" and will not be authorized to participate in the Paramedic Program. Individual results of student background checks and drug screens are considered confidential.

KEY DATES

- ✓ **April 12, 2019: Paramedic Program Application Form due**
- ✓ **April 29 and 30, 2019: Written Assessment Testing**
- ✓ **May 14 and/or 16, 2019: Practical Skills Testing**
- ✓ **August 26, 2019: First day of Paramedic School – FIR 221**