

Admission Requirements

General requirements for acceptance into the LUMC Paramedic program are as follows:

- ◆ High School diploma or equivalency
- ◆ College transcripts (if attended)
- ◆ Current Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) EMT-Basic licensure
- ◆ Current *American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR/BLS* or *American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer* course completion card
- ◆ Letter from employer/supervisor verifying your experience as an EMT-Basic (recommended 6 months minimum)
- ◆ One—two letters of recommendation outlining your strengths (should be separate from employment verification letter)
- ◆ Valid Illinois driver's license
- ◆ Minimum of 18 years of age
- ◆ Completed Application form
- ◆ \$50.00 application fee
- ◆ Background Investigation (upon qualifying for acceptance into the program)
- ◆ Urine Drug Screen (upon qualifying for acceptance into the program)
- ◆ Immunization Verification (upon acceptance into the program)
- ◆ Copy of personal health insurance card (upon acceptance into the program)

Acceptance into the LUMC Paramedic Program is determined by the combined scores of the written exams and a formal interview. Preadmission testing consists of three exams—a standardized reading comprehension exam, a mathematics exam, and an EMT-Basic exam. Applicants who meet or exceed the minimum scores on all three exams and have submitted a complete application packet will be invited to interview with the program coordinator and/or lead instructor.

The Loyola University Medical Center Paramedic Program is committed to equitable treatment of students with disabilities. All students must meet the admission requirements. It is the responsibility of the student to identify his/her specific need and to provide appropriate documentation and evaluations to support the accommodations requested. The program must work within existing resources in attempting to meet the needs of students with disabilities.

Applications for the 2018 class will be available in May and must be completed and submitted by July 10, 2017. Preadmission testing and interviews will take place in late July and August. Final acceptance letters will be mailed in October. Classes will begin Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

For further information, please contact the Loyola EMS office.

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LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER PARAMEDIC PROGRAM



2018



The Loyola University Medical Center Paramedic Program is designed for individuals seeking to become professional healthcare providers. Rigorous academic and clinical applications enable students to gain a unique and in-depth experience in the emergency health services. The nationally accredited LUMC Paramedic Program emphasizes that students demonstrate strong interpersonal skills, critical thinking abilities, good decision-making, and the capacity for making quick and appropriate judgments regarding patient care.

Upon successful completion of this program, students are well prepared to assume their duties as patient advocates working always to act on behalf of those in need. Students will master the skills necessary to satisfy the requirements of the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, and will be eligible for licensure by the State of Illinois Department of Public Health. As professional healthcare providers, Loyola Paramedic graduates are taught to interact effectively with other emergency services personnel, become dynamic leaders, value life-long learning and personal development, serve their communities, and above all, respect and sustain human life.

Loyola University Medical Center

Loyola University Medical Center addresses a wide range of education and health needs. Its teaching and research facilities, faculty and staff, serve to expand scientific knowledge, promote health-related research, and train the healthcare professionals of the future. The Loyola Emergency Medical Services System is a multifaceted pre-hospital healthcare delivery system that is committed to educating and supporting quality emergency medical technicians at the basic and advanced levels. As a part of the overall mission of Loyola University Medical Center, the Loyola EMS System strives to maintain the highest standards in all of its endeavors.



The Paramedic Profession

The Paramedic, as a part of the healthcare continuum, provides prompt and professional pre-hospital medical treatment to the sick and injured. Under the direction of a medical control physician, the paramedic becomes an extension of the hospital emergency department, seeking to bring quality care directly into the communities in which he or she serves. The Paramedic is well trained to fulfill the task of rendering advanced lifesaving techniques, and to be a resource for healthcare education and safety within the general public.



Curriculum

The Loyola University Medical Center's Paramedic Program is an 11-month course of study based on the U.S. Department of Transportation's 2009 National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards for paramedic instruction. This program is designed to provide the student with the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective skills that are essential in performing the duties of a Paramedic. The LUMC program offers a broad-based and comprehensive educational experience in some of the best clinical settings in the Midwest. The course is comprised of formal classroom instruction, a variety of clinical rotations in medical center and community hospital settings, and a comprehensive field internship.

The LUMC Paramedic Program demands student commitment and dedication to life-long learning. Classes meet three days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 0900 to 1630). The course incorporates a variety of teaching methods including lecture, small group activities, student teaching sessions, and skills laboratories. Students are encouraged and supported by their instructors to take responsibility for their learning, and to develop a knowledge base that will make them leaders in the Emergency Medical Services field.

The LUMC Paramedic curriculum also includes instruction in the following specialty courses, geared towards creating well-trained, well-rounded paramedics:

- ◆ Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
- ◆ Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professionals (PEPP)
- ◆ Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)
- ◆ Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS)

Upon successful completion of their course of studies, Loyola paramedic candidates are eligible to challenge either the National Registry examination for National Registry Paramedics (NRP) or the Illinois Department of Public Health examination to gain their licensure as a paramedic by the State of Illinois.

Accreditation

Since 1995, the Loyola University Medical Center Paramedic Program has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, 1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756, (727)-210-2350, (www.caahep.org)

College Credit

In cooperation with Concordia University Chicago, students who successfully complete the requirements for the LUMC Paramedic Program can receive up to 30 semester hours towards earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Emergency Medical Services through Concordia University Chicago.

US Veterans

The Loyola University Medical Center Paramedic Program has been approved by the Illinois State Approving Agency for the enrollment of qualified veterans and/or other eligible persons to receive Montgomery GI Bill® education benefits. At the request of a veteran/student, Loyola EMS will submit the proper documentation to obtain financial/tuition assistance for the Paramedic Program.

Tuition

Tuition for the 2018 course is **\$5,000.00**. This includes textbooks, specialty course registration fees, lab fees, as well as a clinical uniform polo shirt, and sweatshirt. (Students are responsible for parking and licensing exam fees.) A non-refundable deposit of **\$750.00** will be required for all candidates accepted to the program.