

GENERAL PREREQUISITES FOR ADMISSION

The general prerequisites (Education, EMT – Basic Certification, Ambulance Experience) for admission to the Paramedic Program are the same for **both** AAS Degree applicants and Certificate Program applicants.



The admission decision is based on the following criteria:

- Educational background (HS/[GED](#) and prior college and/or EMS continuing education courses)
- EMT –Basic Certification
- Prehospital Care Experience
- Interview with Program Director or Faculty
- Entrance Exam results

EDUCATION

- High School Graduate ([GED](#) accepted)
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EMT – BASIC CERTIFICATION

- Evidence of current NYS EMT – Basic Certification (must remain valid for duration of paramedic training).
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AMBULANCE EXPERIENCE

- **Minimum** 6 months or **200 clinical hours*** of ambulance experience is a prerequisite for admission to the Paramedic Program. The definition of “clinical hours” is any time spent doing EMS activities, such as daily ambulance inspections, ambulance responses, and documentation activities while on duty. “**Experience Journals**” have been developed by the program for candidates wishing to document their experiences leading to entrance to the paramedic class. Experience as an in-hospital provider (i.e. ER Technician, OR Technician, Aide) is not accepted for this requirement.

***There is a strong relationship between the amount of pre-hospital experience an applicant possesses and their ultimate success in the Paramedic Program.** Pre-hospital experience can be obtained through paid employment with an EMS provider (i.e. FDNY municipal ambulance service, 911 hospital ambulance service, or commercial ambulance service) or volunteer service with a community ambulance corps. Applicants with limited pre-hospital background who meet the minimal requirements may be required to complete additional ambulance rotations early in the program to enhance their pre-hospital experience and improve their performance in the program. Additional ambulance rotations early in the program may be required to ensure the applicants’

understanding of basic pre-hospital care. Information on EMS volunteer and employment opportunities is available upon request from the Paramedic Program.



ENTRANCE EXAM

Candidates who meet the prerequisites are eligible to take the Entrance Exams for the Paramedic Program.

The Entrance Exam assess three important areas:

- Essential Math and Algebra Skills
- EMT – Basic Knowledge
- Reading comprehension

Each applicant will receive a numerical score for each category. The total point value of all categories will determine if an applicant is offered a seat in the program, placed on the waiting list, or counseled on the steps required to strengthen their application for the program the following year.

Applicants must pass each section with a **75% or better** to be eligible for the interview with a member of the faculty. There will be **two re-tests allowed** for any failed categories.

IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT APPLICANTS PREPARE FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAMS. Contact LaGuardia Paramedic Program for specific information on preparing for the Entrance Exams (718-482-5321 or 718- 482-5768)