



Emergency Medical Services

Eligibility Criteria

The mission of the Emergency Medical Services program is dedicated to the education of individuals who will function as emergency care providers. Enrolled students are required to successfully complete both academic and clinical requirements. The purpose of the Eligibility Criteria is to delineate the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor skills deemed minimally necessary for admission, progression, and graduation, and for the provision of safe and effective patient care.

Prior to enrollment in the EMS program students are provided the Eligibility Criteria. If a student cannot demonstrate the following skills and abilities, it is the responsibility of the student to request appropriate reasonable accommodations through the Student Disability Services Office.

Physical Demands

1. Able to walk, climb, crawl, bend, push, pull, lift and balance over varied terrain.
2. Possess the physical stamina and endurance to lift, carry, and balance in excess of 125 lbs. and 250 lbs. with assistance.
3. See different color spectrums.
4. Possess sufficient eye-hand coordination and manual dexterity to manipulate equipment, instrumentation, and medications under emergency conditions.

Problem Solving Abilities

5. Able to send and receive verbal messages and operate communication equipment.
6. Able to collect facts, organize data, and communicate effectively in a format translatable to English, including written documentation, at the ninth-grade or higher level.
7. Able to differentiate between normal and abnormal findings in human physical conditions using visual, auditory, olfactory, and tactile observations.
8. Able to make good judgment decisions and exhibit problem-solving skills under stressful situations.
9. Be attentive to detail and aware of standards and rules that govern policies.
10. Able to implement therapies based on mathematical calculations.

Worker Characteristics

11. Possess the emotional stability to perform duties in life-or-death situations and potentially dangerous social circumstances, including calls in districts of high crime.
12. Able to handle stress and work as part of a team.
13. Be oriented to reality and not mentally impaired by mind-altering substances.

14. Not be a current user of illegal drugs or alcohol while on the job.
15. Able to work 24 hours as necessary.
16. Able to tolerate exposure to extremes in the environment including weather, hazardous fumes, and noise.
17. Possess eyesight in a minimum of one eye correctable to 20/20 vision and able to determine directions according to a map. Students/graduates who wish to drive an ambulance must possess approximately 180-degree peripheral vision capacity, a valid Alabama driver's license, and be able to safely and competently operate a motor vehicle in accordance with state law.
18. Able to follow established criteria in the absence of direct supervision.
19. Safety is paramount in all health programs. Students shall not pose a direct threat to themselves or others. Direct threat is defined as a substantial risk of harm based on facts and that cannot be eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level through reasonable accommodation. A direct threat also includes an individual who knowingly engages in unsafe practices or disregards safety rules or procedures which results in a substantial risk of harm to themselves or others or in a substantial risk of damage to property.