



# EMS Tritons Academy Information

## EMT-Basic Program Requirements

### The EMS Tritons Academy EMT-Basic Program meets the National EMS Education Standards.

Basic Life Support (CPR) certification from the American Heart Association is a required prerequisite for admission to the EMS Tritons Academy EMT-Basic Program. To become certified as an EMT-Basic, applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

- **Age Requirement:** Applicants must be at least 17 years old to enroll in the EMT-Basic Program. Parental or guardian consent is required for enrollment if the applicant is under 18. Applicants must be 18 years old before attempting the certification examinations (both cognitive and psychomotor) necessary to obtain EMT-Basic certification.
- **Substance Abuse Policy:** Applicants must abstain from drug or substance use that could impair professional judgment or clinical performance.
- **Health Standards:** Applicants must not have physical or mental impairments, or communicable or chronic conditions, that would reasonably be expected to compromise their ability to perform EMT-Basic duties or to jeopardize patient safety.
- **Training Compliance:** Applicants must complete all training components and meet the instructional prerequisites associated with the EMT-Basic certification level they seek.
- **Certification Examination:** Applicants must achieve certification through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) by successfully completing the Massachusetts psychomotor (practical) examination and the NREMT cognitive (computer-based) examination.

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Juniors will participate in a competitive selection process for admission to the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)-Basic Program. Applicants who are enrolled in the Medical Academy will be given preference over those from non-Medical Academy pathways. A waitlist will be maintained for applicants who wish to enroll; positions on this waitlist will remain available for up to 14 days after the EMT-Basic Program commences.



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## Application components and submission process:

- Complete the official enrollment application.
- Submit a typed essay that addresses the specified topic questions.
- Provide three recommendation letters submitted via this link: [Recommendations Form](#). Applicants may use a "Brag Sheet" to support recommenders in writing their submissions. At least one recommendation must be provided by a staff member of Atlantis Charter School.

## Selection interview and contract:

- Candidates will be scheduled for a 15-minute interview with the EMS Tritons Academy Board.
- After all required documentation is submitted, selected candidates must sign a program contract that details expectations, terms, and conditions for participation in the EMT-Basic Program.
- At the conclusion of the selection process, the EMS Tritons Academy Board will select 6 students to enroll in the 2026–2027 EMT-Basic cohort.

## Post-selection communications and materials:

- Once the EMS Tritons Academy Board finalizes selections for the 2026–2027 EMT-Basic Program, the Program Director will notify candidates by email.
- Selected students will receive an electronic copy of the EMT-Basic Program Policy and Procedure Manual. Candidates are required to read the EMT-Basic standards contained in the manual and sign a contract confirming that they have read, understand, and accept the program's expectations, terms, and conditions.

## Costs, uniforms, and dress policy:

- Tuition, textbooks, initial examinations, and uniform expenses for the EMT-Basic Program will be waived for Atlantis Charter School (ACS) students.
- Students must complete a uniform size request form so ACS can procure the required items.
- The EMS Tritons Academy uniform is mandatory Monday through Thursday and consists of a polo shirt, tactical pants, a black belt, and tactical boots. Students will also receive an EMS Tritons Academy quarter-zip pullover.
- On simulation days, female students must secure their hair in a slicked-back, low/high, tight bun so hair is kept out of the face.
- Students may dress down on Fridays.



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## Course structure and attendance:

- The EMT-Basic Program comprises 332 hours of instruction delivered across a 38-week term.
- Classes are scheduled daily in a double-block format (two consecutive class periods). Instructional methods will include lectures and didactic sessions, designed to develop conceptual understanding and the ability to apply skills during real-life simulations.
- On the first day of class, students will receive the course curriculum, including assigned chapter readings, tasks, and deadlines. Given the intensive nature of the course, students must remain current with the curriculum.
- Absences require students to complete make-up work; a course addendum documenting make-up arrangements must be completed and signed by the student.

## Assessment and certification:

- At course completion, students must pass two examinations to attain EMT-Basic certification:
  1. A cognitive exam administered by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT).
  2. A psychomotor exam administered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Students are required to pass both examinations. Each exam may be attempted up to three times. Any attempts beyond the first attempt for either examination will incur financial responsibility to the student.

### Course and Date

<b>Course:</b> EMT-Basic Program	<b>Location:</b> Atlantis Charter Upper School 991 Jefferson St. Fall River, MA 02721 Room #316	<b>Start Date:</b> August 24, 2026 to May 14, 2027
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