Application for ACEMS Fall EMT-B Course 2020-2021

Please complete and submit a pdf of your completed application by Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00 pm to acems@amherst.edu

The EMT course is a rewarding, demanding, opportunity the college offers students who are interested in obtaining EMT certification and joining ACEMS. The course consists of 140 hours of in-class training and over 1,500 pages of additional reading. Provided you complete the course, the cost is entirely covered by the college regardless of whether or not you are subsequently accepted onto the squad. Though not everyone who takes the course is guaranteed a place on the squad, in the past we have admitted all students who demonstrate sustained commitment joining ACEMS.

Information about ACEMS: Amherst College Emergency Medical Services (ACEMS) is a student-run, student-staffed, volunteer organization that operates 24 hours a day while classes are in session. ACEMS provides Basic Life Support Quick Response (BLS/QRS) to medical emergencies on the Amherst Campus. Using the Amherst College dispatch system, two Massachusetts certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT-B) and one EMT in training are dispatched for all medical emergencies on the Amherst College Campus. If the call is thought to be of a potentially life-threatening nature or at the request of the patient, the Amherst Fire Department (AFD) Ambulance is dispatched along with ACEMS responders. Operating in conjunction with the Amherst College Police Department (ACPD), Amherst Fire Department (AFD), Amherst College Health Services (AHS), and University of Massachusetts Health Services (UHS), ACEMS works to provide emergency patient care on scene and then direct the patient to the appropriate higher level of medical care.
Information about contingency plans this year: As noted in the information session, we have developed two plans for our EMT training course this year. We will let you know which plan we are going with by the interview phase of this application process. Listed below for your reference are the two plans. Please indicate if you want to be considered for plan I, plan II, or both plans.

Plan I - EMT Course together, this Fall

Sessons begin this Fall, September 28th and will run through the end of November. Please note that should you be accepted into the course, you are expected to remain on campus through Sunday, November 22nd, two days after the last day of on campus classes.

Plan II - Outsource EMT training

Sessions will begin in the Spring, the specific dates according to the EMT course near your residence which we find and set up for you. This Fall you will complete BLS training on campus and participate in class bonding activities.

Please consider me for:

- [ ] Plan I - EMT Course together, this Fall
- [ ] Plan II - Outsource EMT training
- [ ] Both Plan I and Plan II
Personal Information

Name:

Class year:

On or off campus:

Email:

Phone number:

Preferred method of contact:

Short Answer Questions

Please answer each of the following questions in 300 words or less.

1. Why do you want to join ACEMS? How do you think participating in the EMT course and running on ACEMS will benefit you (personal development, career goals, etc.)?

2. List what other extracurricular activities you are involved in (work study, student organizations, sports teams, on- or off-campus jobs.) How many hours do you spend on each activity per week?

3. ACEMS runs in 3-person, 12 hour shifts (8am to 8pm). Squad members usually can expect 1-2 shifts per month, with 1-2 calls per shift and 1 hour per call on average. Do you think you will be able to handle the time commitment that is expected from squad members and how have you demonstrated your abilities to be able to juggle your personal life, academics and extracurricular activities?

4. What would make you a valuable member of ACEMS? What personal qualities and/or past experiences can you bring to the squad?
5. What do you see as the role of ACEMS in the Amherst College community?

6. Anything else you’d like to tell us? (optional)