



Tulane Emergency Medical Service

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Tulane EMS – What to Expect

So, you're thinking about applying to TEMS? Great! The following is a short guide of what is expected of a TEMS member. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me as soon as possible at ggaudet@tulane.edu.

Basic Training –

All new TEMS members are required to attend “Basic Training.” The purpose of the Basic class is to get you acquainted with TEMS operations and protocols. In this class, you'll be trained to ride on the ambulance as a student rider. Basic classes meet on Sunday mornings and usually last several weeks. Once completed, you are an official riding member of TEMS!

National Certification –

All new members who are not EMT-B certified are required to attend an EMT course their first semester after being accepted. If taken through Tulane, this course meets two nights a week for four hours each night and some Saturdays. Once you've completed the course, you'll need to test for National EMT certification. This involves both practical skill and general knowledge.

General Requirements –

Once attaining riding member status, all members are required to be available for twelve twelve-hour shifts per month. However, members are only required to take two twelve-hour shifts a month. Additionally, members must be available every Sunday for training and meetings. Any conflicts with requirements can usually be resolved.

These are the minimum requirements for TEMS members. However, like most organizations, your TEMS experience depends on how much effort you put into it. There are a number of positions within the organization that require a diverse membership. We encourage anyone interested to apply!

Good Luck!

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