

Metro Atlanta TOP JOBS

HEALTHCARE



Paramedics

Standard Occupational Classification Code: [292043](#)

Also known as: First Responder, Flight Paramedic, Paramedic

Are you good at ...

- Being reliable, responsible, and dependable?
- Showing concern for others?
- Keeping your emotions in check?
- Paying attention to detail?
- Being honest and ethical?

A Day in the Life

Being a Paramedic is being on the front lines of medical emergencies. There are four levels of EMTs with the fourth level which is Paramedic. These people administer first aid treatment or life support to sick or injured persons in prehospital settings.

Paramedics assess nature and extent of illness or injury to establish and prioritize medical procedures. They coordinate with treatment center personnel to obtain patients' vital statistics and medical history, to determine the circumstances of the emergency, and to administer emergency treatment and then coordinate work with other emergency medical team members or police or fire department personnel. Operate equipment, such as electrocardiograms (EKGs), external defibrillators, or bag valve mask resuscitators, in advanced life support environments. They might perform emergency invasive intervention before delivering patient to an acute care facility. Becoming a Paramedic requires two years of education and passing a state test to be certified.

How do I get into this top job?

The fastest way to obtain this job is to graduate from an accredited Paramedic program. Once you have graduated you will need to take the tests to be certified. Training programs and tests may be expensive, but you might not have to pay for all of it yourself. If you are low income, ask your job coach, career counselor, training program, or workforce development specialist about assisting you with your training expenses. It might be free!



What they earn in Metro Atlanta:

Entry Wage: **\$12.44**
Median Wage: **\$16.49**



What makes this a Top Job?

They're in high demand. The Georgia Dept. of Labor estimates there will be 200 openings per year through 2026! Additionally, this job pays above average wages.



Educational Requirement



Postsecondary
Non-Degree Award



On-the-Job Training



None



Related Occupations

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