

NCOEMS Update



Education Specialists



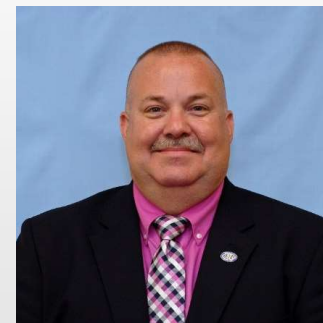
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Current Concerns

- **OEMS Course Submission**
 - At least 28 prior to the start date
 - Students are registered by the 14th calendar day from the start of class
 - Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in the disapproval of the submitted course
- **Profile Creation**
 - Instructors should not create student profiles
 - Instructors doing this are falsifying legal documents
 - OEMS will be taking action against Instructors

Current Concerns

- **Program Changes**
 - If no Level II is in place, legally you are not offering approved EMS courses
 - If no Medical Advisor is in place, legally you are not offering approved EMS courses
- **Compliance**
 - Record keeping issues
 - Falsification of documentation (Institution, Instructor, and Students)

Rule Changes



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Rules- Initial Credential

- **Examinations** - A maximum of three attempts within six months
- **Legal Recognition**
 - Individuals possessing an EMS Credential for less than 24 months being used for the level of application shall complete a written exam administered by the OEMS

Rules- Initial Credential

- **Level I & II Instructor (Effective July 1, 2023)**
 - Level I- minimum of Associate Degree from a regionally accredited institution
 - Level II- minimum of Baccalaureate Degree from a regionally accredited institution
- **Degrees Accepted**
 - Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
 - Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
 - Additional degrees
 - Based on the professional judgment of OEMS staff following a comparison of standards

Rules- Expired Credentials

- **Applicants for reinstatement, lapsed up to 12 months, shall:**
 - Present evidence that renewal education requirements were met prior to expiration
 - Complete a refresher course at the level of application taken following expiration of the credential
 - All must complete an OEMS administered written examination
- **Expired Instructor Credential, lapsed up to 12 months, shall:**
 - Present evidence that renewal requirements were met prior to expiration or within 12 months following the expiration of the Instructor credential

Rules- Institution

- **CEI changing to CE Program**
 - **CE Program resides with SCTP, Agencies, or Programs**
 - For the purpose of renewing their own staff
 - Must be reviewed and approved by the CE Coordinator and Medical Director
- **BEI and AEI Institutions**
 - An EMS educational program coordinator
 - Level II EMS Instructor credentialed at or above the highest level offered

Rules- Institution

- **The EMS educational program coordinator shall;**
 - Have EMS or related allied health education, training, and experience
 - Knowledgeable about methods of instruction, testing, and evaluation of students
 - Have field experience in the delivery of pre-hospital emergency care
 - Have academic training and preparation related, at least equivalent to that of a paramedic
 - Be knowledgeable of current versions of the National EMS Scope of Practice and National EMS Education Standards

Rules- Institution

- **The EMS educational program coordinator responsibilities;**
 - Administrative oversight, organization, and supervision of the program
 - Continuous quality review and improvement of the program
 - Long range planning on ongoing development of the program
 - Evaluating the effectiveness of the instruction, faculty, and overall program
 - Collaborative involvement with the medical advisor
 - Training and supervision of clinical and field internship preceptors
 - Effectiveness and quality of fulfillment of responsibilities delegated to another qualified individual

Rules- Institution

- **Current Institutions will be grandfathered**
 - **Change in Program Coordinator then falls under current standard**
- **All Program Coordinators shall attend an OEMS Program Coordinator workshop annually**

Rules- Institution

- **2 initial courses for each program per Credential approval period**
 - **Level I as the lead instructor for EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic courses**
 - **Meet the Lead Instructor Responsibilities under Standard III.B.6.a. of the CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines**
 - **Perform duties under the direction and delegation of the program director**
 - **The lead Instructor shall assist in the coordination of the didactic, lab, clinical, and field internship**
- **Fail to meet 2 courses/program**
 - **May be reduced to the next lowest Institutional Level as determined by OEMS staff**
- **Must possess accreditation or a valid letter of review from the (CAAHEP)**
 - **Initial AEMT or Paramedic**

Rules- Institution

- EMS Program Coordinators or equivalent
 - As determined by OEMS staff
- In lieu of required 96 hours of instruction
 - 72 hours of Professional Development related to the institution's needs
Requiring 24 hours of instruction in 4 yrs
- EMS Program Coordinators should not carry an instructional load
 - Many of our compliance issues are due to Part-Time coordinators or coordinators who do not have the time to oversee the program due to instructional load

Rules- Institution

- **Educational Medical Advisor**
 - Must meet “NCCEP: Standards for Medical Oversight and Data Collection”
- **Educational Medical Advisor will be responsible for**
 - Medical oversight of the program
 - Collaboration to provide appropriate and updated educational content for the program curriculum
 - Establish minimum requirements for program completion
 - Oversight of student evaluation, monitoring, and remediation as needed
 - Ensuring entry level competence
 - Ensure interaction of physician and students

Future



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OEMS Education Steering Committee

- This committee was formed to determine future aspects of EMS Education in North Carolina
- Comprised of: 19 members
 - OEMS Education Staff- 4 Members
 - NCCCS EMS Advisory Committee- 4 Members
 - NCAEMS Educators- 4 Members
 - 3 Program Coordinators and 1 Faculty Member
 - NCAEMS Administrators- 5 Members
 - All Training Officers
 - At large members- 2
 - 1 Program Coordinator and 1 Faculty Member
 - Faculty member has years of experience as a Training Officer

Steering Committee Purpose

- Create a standardized program manual for all institutions
 - Classroom and AV reqs, equipment reqs, instructor/student ratios and other items identified by SME's
- Entrance requirements for all levels
- Curriculum modifications to meet current and future needs of profession
- Define NCOEMS minimal entry level competency
 - Ensure an accurate and fair evaluation is performed
 - Policy/procedures for no conflicts of interest between the evaluator and student
 - Create cache of assessments for all final clinical competency assessments

OEMS Guidelines



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Guideline Changes

- **CE Guidelines**
 - Cleaned up
- **Instructor Application**
 - Added applicant statement
 - Program Coordinator must recommend for Credential
- **Institution Application**
 - Added policy for reporting grievance/investigation reporting to OEMS
- **Course Registration Procedure**
 - Provides procedure for course registration and timelines
 - Provides expectation of student registration

Guideline Changes

- **EMR**
 - No changes
- **EMT**
 - 240 hrs minimum
 - 48 hrs clinical/ride time, standardized patient labs no longer applicable
 - TIMS and Emergency Vehicle Operations with physical driving component
- **AEMT**
 - Minimum Pt. contacts and skills removed and TBD by Institutions EMS Advisory Committee
 - Follows CAAHEP requirements
 - Defines standardized patient contacts and program progression
- **Paramedic**
 - Minimum Pt. contacts and skills removed and TBD by Institutions EMS Advisory Committee
 - Follows CAAHEP requirements
 - Defines standardized patient contacts and program progression

Questions



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