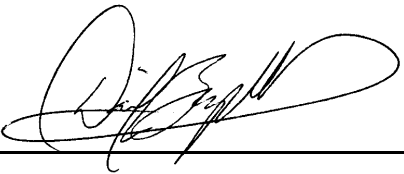


EL DORADO COUNTY EMS AGENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS

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CE PROVIDER APPROVAL /REQUIREMENTS

PURPOSE:

To establish the EMS continuing education (CE) provider process and ongoing requirements of an El Dorado County (EDC) approved CE provider.

AUTHORITY:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- b. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 11

DEFINITIONS:

- A. **Continuing Education (CE):** A course, class, activity, or experience designed to be educational in nature, with learning objectives and performance evaluations for the purpose of providing EMS personnel with reinforcement of basic EMS training as well as knowledge to enhance individual and system proficiency in the practice of pre-hospital emergency medical care.
- B. **Continuing Education Hour (CEH):**
 1. One continuing education hour (CEH) is any one of the following:
 - Every 50 minutes of approved classroom or skills laboratory activity.
 - Each hour of structured clinical or field experience when monitored by a preceptor assigned by an EMS training program, EMS service provider, or base/modified base hospital.
 - Each hour of media based/serial production CE as approved by EDC EMS Agency
 2. CE courses or activities shall not be approved for less than one (1) hour of credit. For courses greater than one (1) CEH, credit may be granted in no less than half (0.5) hour increments.
 3. 10 CEHs will be awarded for each academic quarter unit until 15 CEHs will be awarded for each academic semester unit for college courses in physical, social or behavioral sciences (e.g., anatomy, physiology, sociology, psychology).
 4. CEHs will not be awarded until the written and/or skills competency based evaluation has been passed.
- C. **CE Provider:** An individual or organization approved by the requirements of this policy, to conduct continuing education courses, classes, activities or experiences and issue continuing education hours to EMS personnel for the purposes of maintaining certification/licensure or re-establishing lapsed certification or licensure.
- D. **EMS Personnel:** PSFA, EMR, EMT, Advanced EMT or Paramedic.

- E. **EMS System Quality Improvement Program (EMSQIP):** Methods of evaluation that are composed of structure, process, and outcome evaluations which focus on improvement efforts to identify root causes of problems, intervene to reduce or eliminate these causes, and take steps to correct the process.
- F. **National Standard Curriculum:** The curricula developed under the auspices so the United States Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for the specified level of training of EMS Personnel – <http://www.ems.gov/EducationStandards.htm>.

CE PROVIDER APPROVING AUTHORITY:

- A. Course and/or CE providers approved by the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) or approved by EMS offices of other states are approved for use in California and need no further approval.
- B. Courses in Physical, social or behavioral sciences offered by accredited colleges and universities are approved for CE and need no further approval.
- C. EDC EMS Agency shall be the approving authority for CE providers whose headquarters are located within EDC EMS Agency jurisdiction, if not approved according to item A or B of this section.
- D. The California EMS Authority (EMSA) shall be the approving authority for CE providers for statewide public safety agencies and CE providers whose headquarters are located out-of-state, if not approved according to item A or B of this section.

APPROVED CE:

- A. CE Topics:
1. CE for EMS personnel shall be in any of the topics contained in the respective National Standard Curricula for training EMS personnel (except for "advanced topics" identified later in this section).
 2. In lieu of completing the required CEH, EMT certification can be maintained by successfully completing an approved EMT refresher course.
 3. All approved CE shall contain a written and/or skills competency based evaluation related to course, class, or activity objectives.
 4. Approved CE courses shall be accepted statewide.
- B. CE Delivery Formats and Limitations:
- Classroom – didactic and/or skills laboratory where direct interaction with instructor is possible.
 - Organized field care audits of patient care records.
 - Courses offered by accredited universities and colleges, including junior and community college.
 - Structured clinical experience, with instructional objectives, to review or expand the clinical expertise of the individual.

- Media based and/or serial productions (e.g. films, videos, audiotape programs, magazine article offered for CE credit, home study, computer simulations or interactive computer modules).
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