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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) REQUIREMENTS**

### **PURPOSE**

In order to maintain certification, an EMT shall obtain at least twenty-four (24) hours of Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) from an approved Continuing Education Provider. CE is a course, class, activity, or experience designed to be educational in nature, with learning objectives and performance evaluations for the purpose of providing Emergency Medical Service (EMS) personnel with reinforcement of basic EMS training as well as knowledge to enhance individual and system proficiency in the practice of prehospital emergency medical care.

#### **I. CE Delivery Formats and Limitations:**

##### **A. Delivery formats for CE courses shall be by any of the following:**

1. Classroom – didactic and/or skills laboratory where direct interaction with instructor is possible.
2. Organized field care audits of patient care records.
3. Courses offered by accredited universities and colleges, including junior and community colleges. Ten (10) CEHs will be awarded for each academic quarter unit or fifteen (15) CEHs will be awarded for each academic semester for courses in physical, social or behavioral sciences (e.g. anatomy, physiology, sociology, psychology).
4. Structured clinical experience, with instructional objectives, to review or expand the clinical expertise of the individual.
5. Media based and/or serial productions (e.g. films, videos, audiotape programs, magazine articles offered for CE credit, home study, computer simulations or interactive computer modules).
6. Precepting EMS students or EMS personnel as a hospital clinical preceptor, as assigned by an EMS training program, an EMS Service Provider, a hospital or alternate base station.
7. Precepting EMS students or EMS personnel as a field preceptor, as assigned by an EMS training program or an EMS Service Provider.
8. Advanced topics in subject matter outside the Scope of Practice of the certified EMS personnel but directly relevant to emergency medical care (e.g. surgical airway procedures).
9. At least fifty percent (50%) of the required CEHs must be in a format that is instructor based. Precepting in the field or hospital, acting as an instructor for; CE, EMT, Advanced EMT or Paramedic training, or magazine articles for CE credit will be considered non-instructor based CE.
10. During a certification cycle, an individual may receive credit, one (1) time only, for service as a CE course, class, or activity instructor. Credit received shall be the same as the number of CE hours applied to the course, class, or activity.
11. During a certification cycle, an individual may receive credit, one (1) time only, for service as an instructor for one (1) of the following, an approved EMT, Advanced EMT or Paramedic training program, except that the hours of service shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total CEHs required in a single certification cycle.



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12. When guided by the EMS Service Provider's Quality Improvement Program (QIP), an EMS Service Provider that is an approved CE Provider may issue CEHs for skills competency demonstrations to address any deficiencies identified by the Service Provider's QIP. Skills competency demonstration shall be conducted in accordance with the respective National Standard Curriculum skills outline or in accordance with the policies and procedures of the Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency (YEMSA) Medical Director.
- II. An individual may receive credit for taking the same CE course, class, or activity no more than two (2) times during a single certification cycle.