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Information Regarding EMS Students & Hospital/Clinical Experience and Field Experience

It is important that both the Instructor(s) and student(s) are aware of the following:

1. In order to practice EMS skills as a student in a Hospital/Clinical setting, there must be current written agreement(s) between the instructor/training program and the Hospital/Clinical site (Saf-C 5910.04).
2. In order to practice EMS skills as a student in a Field setting, there must be a current written agreement between the instructor/training program and all licensed EMS unit(s) providing student ride time in that specific training program (Saf-C 5910.04).
3. When in the role of student (Saf-C 5901.94) in an approved EMS training program, that individual must only work under the direct supervision of an approved preceptor (Saf-C 5902.07 (h) (4) and (5)) and can only provide care/skills that are within the scope of that program.
4. During scheduled field ride time with an ambulance service the student cannot be functioning as one of the two licensed providers required for patient transport (Saf-C 5902.07). For example, an AEMT student riding with his/her own service as the second crew member on a call or a shift cannot be functioning in the role of an AEMT, and therefore cannot provide patient care at that higher level. That student/licensed provider in **this** scenario can only work at whatever licensure level they **currently** hold (which in this example would be as an EMT).
5. Once a student is listed on a Course Completion Roster (CCR) as “complete” (C) or “fail” (F) they are no longer considered a “student”. An individual waiting to test or awaiting results from their cognitive and/or psychomotor testing at that higher level cannot provide or perform skills/treatments that they “practiced” as a student. The person is restricted to operating **only** at their current licensure level (RSA 153-A:10 and Saf-C 5902.07).

MINIMUM Hospital/Clinical and Field Experience Requirements for **EMT-Level Students (per National EMS Education Standards (NEMSES) – Jan 2009)**:

1. MUST perform ten (10) patient assessments which may be performed in any of the following settings:
 - Emergency Department (Hospital/Clinical Experience) – Preferred
 - Ambulance (Field Experience) – Preferred
 - Other:
 - Clinic
 - Nursing Home
 - Doctor’s Office
 - **IF** a Hospital/Clinical setting is NOT available, these patient assessments may be performed on standardized patients.

- **Standardized Patient** - An individual who has been thoroughly trained to accurately simulate a real patient with a medical condition; a standardized patient plays the role of a patient for students learning patient assessment, history taking skills, communication skills, and other skills.
2. MUST participate in and document patient contacts in a **Field Experience** approved by the medical director* (CMD) and program director (IC).
 - Students must record/document patient assessments on sample PCR forms/worksheets, which shall be kept on file with instructor/program records.
 - Note: Students may go to <https://www.nhtems.org/elite> to “practice” doing patient documentation, but be aware that the program will not save.
STUDENT WORK MUST BE PRINTED TO KEEP YOUR “PRACTICE” DOCUMENTATION! User Name: Provider / Password: Provider#1.
 - ***Medical Director Oversight** – (CMD) provide medical oversight for all medical aspects of instruction.
 3. **Hospital/Clinical Experience** – Students **should observe** emergency department operations for a period of time sufficient to gain an appreciation for the continuum of care. This experience is strongly suggested, but not mandatory for the EMT student. (For AEMT and/or Paramedic student Hospital/Clinical Experience requirements please refer to the NEMSES standards.)

Anyone with questions regarding this should contact the New Hampshire Bureau of EMS, Operations Section - Education Regulation Coordinator appropriate to their EMS Region at 603-223-4200.

Below you will find RSA’s (laws) regarding licensing requirements of EMS transporting vehicles and the Saf-C (rules) regarding the required Hospital/Clinical and Field affiliation agreements for students in EMS Training Programs.

Section 153-A:10

153-A: 10 Licensure of Emergency Medical Service Units and Emergency Medical Service Vehicles. –

I. A person shall not engage in the business or service of providing emergency medical services or the transportation of patients, upon any public way of the state, unless such person holds a license issued by the commissioner for engaging in such a business or service.

Saf-C 5901.94 “Student” means a person enrolled in a division approved training program or a student enrolled in an EMS program approved by another state authorizing agency.

Saf-C 5902.07 Emergency Medical Care Provider Requirements.

(b) All providers shall be licensed in accordance with Saf-C 5904.

(c) The staffing level in each EMS land or water vehicle shall, at minimum, include 2 providers during patient transport, at least one of whom shall attend the patient.

(d) The 2 providers on board a land or water vehicle shall be licensed at any of the levels set forth in Saf-C 5904.01(a) (2) through (6). [EMR, NHEMT, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic]

(e) During transport of a patient(s) in a land or water vehicle, the provider who is responsible for the patient care shall be licensed at any levels set forth in Saf-C 5901.04(a)(3) through (6). [NHEMT, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic]

(f) An EMR provider may attend a patient during transport if the treatment is within scope of practice.

(g) Apprentice providers:

- (1) May accompany the 2 providers in the land or water vehicle, if space permits; and
- (2) Shall not serve as one of the 2 providers set forth in (c) above.

(h) Students may assist a provider in the land or water vehicle with patient care if:

- (1) The unit permits students;
- (2) The unit has a written agreement with the training program's primary instructor;
- (3) Space permits;
- (4) The unit has designated at least one of the providers as the student's preceptor; and
- (5) The preceptorship has been detailed, in writing, by the training program's primary instructor to the course medical director and the EMS coordinator for the unit's MRH.

(i) A person acting in a student capacity who is not already a licensed provider shall not serve as a provider.

Saf-C 5910.04 Training Program Authorization Requirements.

(a) The EMS I/C shall provide the following, along with the "Authority to Establish Courses" form:

(1) A course outline, including:

- a. Dates;
- b. Times;
- c. Subjects taught; and
- d. Name of assistant instructor(s); and

(2) Course/student guidelines, including, at minimum:

- a. Attendance requirements;
- b. Course completion requirements;
- c. Clinical or field internship requirements; and
- d. Code of conduct and disciplinary procedures.

(b) The EMS I/C shall submit any changes to the information set forth in (a) above to the division within 5 days of making the changes.

(c) The EMS I/C shall maintain, for each type of program offered, the following, subject to audit by the division:

(1) Proof that:

- a. The applicant has access to medical and educational equipment to meet the training program needs;
- b. The medical and educational equipment set forth in a. above is in reliable working condition; and
- c. Access to the medical and educational equipment set forth in a. above is at a ratio of 6:1 student to equipment, as appropriate to the particular topic being taught;

(2) Written affiliation agreements that provide for the completion of all clinical requirements applicable to the program, which shall include:

a. Current agreement(s) with a hospital for in-hospital clinic time, which shall have an emergency department; and

b. Current agreement(s) with each licensed EMS unit or healthcare facility for the clinical field experience phase of the program; and

(3) Proof that the training program faculty is qualified to teach the particular topic being taught.

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