

Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

H-4 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

1. The requirements in this policy covers the EMT-B, EMT-I, EMT-P, Prehospital RN and the EMT trained in defibrillation.
2. Continuing education for relicensure is 120 hours for a four year licensing period and accrued as follows:
 - 2.1. EMT-Basic and EMT-Intermediate:
 - 2.1.1. 1st year 30 hours.
 - 2.1.2. 2nd year 30 hours.
 - 2.1.3. 3rd year 30 hours.
 - 2.1.4. 4th year 30 hours.
 - 2.1.5. Twenty hours – Refresher Course or Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLIS) or Prehospital Trauma Support (PHTLS) to be successfully completed during the last two years of the licensure period.
 - 2.2. EMT-Paramedic and Prehospital RN:
 - 2.2.1. 1st year 30 hours.
 - 2.2.2. 2nd year 30 hours.
 - 2.2.3. 3rd year 30 hours.
 - 2.2.4. 4th year 30 hours.
3. Each EMS System may determine a minimum number of clinical or didactic continuing education hours be accrued through System specific training. The minimum number of System specific requirements shall not exceed 50% of the yearly requirements.
4. No more than 25 percent of the hours required shall be in the same subject. See Continuing Education Guidelines (H-5) SOP.
5. Any System Continuing Educations requirements for the EMT approved to operate an automated defibrillator shall be included in the required 120 continuing education hours.
6. EMS Systems may accept an EMT's continuing education hours for Department approved training if the training is based on the DOT Curriculum, specific to the EMT's or Prehospital RN's level of licensure, assigning a site code by the Department and coordinated by a Department approved Lead Instructor consistent with Section 515.700. The EMS Medical Director shall be responsible for determining if the educational program is acceptable for credit within the System.
7. An EMS System Coordinator or Department Regional EMS Coordinator shall be solely responsible for verifying whether specific continuing education hours have been earned by the EMT-B.
8. The EMS System Coordinator or EMS Medical Director of the EMS System in which an EMT-I, EMT-P, or Prehospital RN functions shall be solely responsible for verifying whether specific continuing education hours have been earned by the EMT-I, EMT-P, or Prehospital RN.
9. The EMT-B, EMT-I, EMT-P, and Prehospital RN shall be responsible for submitting written proof of didactic continuing education attendance to the EMS System Coordinator according to System specific plans.
10. Training and continuing education conducted by provider agencies shall be approved by their EMS System before offered and shall be in compliance with Department and System Plans.