

# Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

## G-9 PREHOSPITAL REGISTERED NURSE

1. Prehospital RN Approval:
  - 1.1. Must be a registered nurse, licensed under the “Illinois Nursing Act” of 1987.
  - 1.2. Successfully complete a System’s Department-approved education curriculum which consists of 24 hours of classroom and practical training, including extrication, telecommunications, and prehospital cardiac and trauma care of both the adult and pediatric population
  - 1.3. Complete a minimum of 10 ALS runs supervised by a licensed physician, an approved Prehospital RN or an EMT, only authorized by the EMS MD.
  - 1.4. Complete any additional training requirements deemed necessary by the EMS MD.
  - 1.5. Complete the Department’s Prehospital RN application form.
  - 1.6. The EMS MD will approve individuals meeting the above requirements for a period of four years.
  
2. Reapproval:
  - 2.1. The EMS MD will reapprove a Prehospital RN every four years who has met the System requirements for training and education and the requirements of the Department. Requirements of the Department for Reapproval are:
    - 2.1.1. Is a registered nurse in accordance with the “Illinois Nursing Act” of 1987.
    - 2.1.2. Has completed 120 hours of continuing education consistent with the System’s educational requirements for the EMT-P.
    - 2.1.3. Current CPR card that covers one and two rescuer CPR and foreign body airway obstruction for both the adult and pediatric population.
  
3. Prehospital RN EMS System Approval:
  - 3.1. To function as a Prehospital RN within the EMS System, he/she must:
    - 3.1.1. Complete the training requirements of the Department.
    - 3.1.2. Complete the testing/training requirements for System EMT-Paramedics.
    - 3.1.3. Maintain system continuing education and skill requirements as the EMT-Paramedic.
    - 3.1.4. Follow all system policies and procedures.
  
4. Alternate Training Requirements:
  - 4.1. The EMS MD may approve and/or recommend system registered nurses who meet the System’s requirements for Prehospital RN status instead of a training course. System requirements are:
    - 4.1.1. The applicant must be a registered nurse in accordance with the “Illinois Nursing Act” of 1987.
    - 4.1.2. Minimum of four years active experience in emergency critical care.
    - 4.1.3. State of Illinois Trauma Nurse Specialist.
    - 4.1.4. Advanced Cardiac Life Support completion.
    - 4.1.5. Emergency Communication Registered Nurse Course completion.
    - 4.1.6. Advanced Basic Trauma Life Support certification.
    - 4.1.7. Pediatric Advanced Life Support completion or Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course completion.
    - 4.1.8. Extrication refresher class based in D.O.T. National Standards Curriculum for EMT-Basic.

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- 4.1.9. Completion of a field internship which includes:
  - 4.1.9.1. Sixteen hours clinical experience on a State approved EMS System vehicle supervised by a licensed EMT-P or Field RN with a minimum of one year experience, or a physician with critical care knowledge and experience on an EMS vehicle.
  - 4.1.9.2. Minimum of ten advanced life support runs.
  - 4.1.9.3. Completion of an OR rotation with a minimum of two intubations or two field intubations.
  - 4.1.10. Submit a letter of recommendation by the EMS MD and two other medical professionals.
  - 4.1.11. Documentation of training/certification will be kept in the EMS office of the Resource Hospital.
  - 4.1.12. The EMS MD will approve System registered nurses who meet these requirements for Prehospital RN status.
5. System Testing Requirements:
  - 5.1. Registered nurses who meet Prehospital RN training requirements will be given a written and practical exam. Exams are based on AHA, ACLS, BTLS, PALS, and NSC for EMT-Paramedic.
  - 5.2. Applicants must pass the written exam with a minimum score of 80% and successfully pass critical components of the practical exam. Critical components include airway management, ACLS algorithms, BTLS primary and secondary survey, and load and go situations.
6. Inactive Status:
  - 6.1. Prior to the expiration of the current approval, the Prehospital RN may request to be placed on inactive status. The request shall be made in writing to the EMS MD and the circumstances requiring the request. Recertification requirements must be met prior to the date of inactive status request.
  - 6.2. The prehospital RN may return to active status when approved by the EMS MD as per the EMT Inactive Status Policy.
  - 6.3. During the inactive status, the Prehospital RN shall not function as a Prehospital RN.
  - 6.4. The EMS MD will notify the Department within 10 days of any changes in a Prehospital RN's status.