

Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

H-4 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- The requirements in this policy covers the following license levels:
 - Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
 - Advanced EMT (EMT-I / AEMT)
 - Paramedic
- All of the above licenses are issued for four year periods. Continuing education hours for relicensure is as follows:
 - EMT: 60 hours
 - AEMT / EMT-I: 80 hours
 - Paramedic: 100 hours
- All EMS continuing education must be approved by the EMS System.
 - All EMS continuing education must meet at least one of the following requirements to be accepted by the EMS System.
 - Issued an Illinois EMS site code
 - Issued a CAPCE or CECBEMS accredited education program code
 - Issued a medical or nursing accredited education program code
 - Pre-approved by the EMS System
- Continuing education content minimum hours per 4 year license period
 - Preparatory
 - EMT: 4.8 hours
 - AEMT: 6.4 hours
 - Paramedic: 8 hours
 - Airway Management and Ventilation
 - EMT: 7.2 hours
 - AEMT: 9.6 hours
 - Paramedic: 12 hours
 - Patient Assessment
 - EMT: 4.8 hours
 - AEMT: 6.4 hours
 - Paramedic: 8 hours
 - Trauma
 - EMT: 7.2 hours
 - AEMT: 9.6 hours
 - Paramedic: 12 hours
 - Cardiology
 - EMT: 9.6 hours
 - AEMT: 12.8 hours
 - Paramedic: 16 hours
 - Medical
 - EMT: 12 hours
 - AEMT: 16 hours
 - Paramedic: 20 hours

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- Special Considerations
 - EMT: 9.6 hours
 - AEMT: 12.8 hours
 - Paramedic: 16 hours
- Geriatrics
 - EMT: 2.4 hours
 - AEMT: 3.2 hours
 - Paramedic: 4 hours
- Operations
 - EMT: 2.4 hours
 - AEMT: 3.2 hours
 - Paramedic: 4 hours
- Continuing education content guidelines
 - No more than 20% of the hours required shall be in the same subject.
 - Initial education (life support courses ex. CPR, ACLS, PALS, PHTLS, etc.)
 - Hour for hour, max. 16 hours per course
 - Refresher/Renewal ed. (life support courses ex. CPR, ACLS, PALS, PHTLS, etc.)
 - Hour for hour, max. 8 hours per course
 - Teaching EMS related courses
 - Hour for hour
 - May not exceed 20% of total hours in one subject
 - Max 50% may be earned by teaching
 - Audit of entry level EMT, AEMT, Paramedic courses
 - Unlimited, if the subject matter is appropriate for participant's license level
 - May not exceed 20% of total required in any subject
 - Clinical preceptor or evaluator
 - Hour for hour, may not exceed 20% of total minimum required CE hours
 - Emergency preparedness exercise participation
 - EMT, maximum 8 hours
 - AEMT, maximum 10 hours
 - Paramedic, maximum 12 hours
 - Must demonstrate active participation on exercises
 - College courses
 - Healthcare related courses
 - Must have college catalog description and unofficial transcript
 - 1 college credit = 8 hours CEU
 - May not exceed 20% of total required in any subject
 - Participation/observation in surgery, PT, childbirth, autopsy, etc.
 - Must be pre-approved by the EMS MD
 - Maximum 5 hours
 - Seminars/Conferences
 - EMS related approved by IDPH, CAPCE, or medical/nursing accredited body
 - May not exceed 20% of total required in any subject

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- Commercial CE programs (digital media, online offerings, journal articles)
 - EMS related approved by IDPH, CAPCE, or medical/nursing accredited body
 - Must be less than 5 years old (publish date < 5 yrs from course completion)
 - May not exceed 20% of total required in any subject
- TNS courses and TNS review courses
 - May audit with program coordinator's approval
 - Hour for hour, if the subject matter is appropriate for participant's license level
 - May not exceed 20% of total required in any subject
- ECRN courses
 - May audit with program coordinator's approval
 - Hour for hour, if the subject matter is appropriate for participant's license level
 - May not exceed 20% of total required in any subject
- EMS personnel that work the majority of their EMS hours within SIREMS (system of primary affiliation), must renew their EMS license with the SIREMS System.
- EMS personnel that work within SIREMS but have another system of primary affiliation, must provide their continuing education to the EMS System Coordinator to verify compliance with SIREMS continuing education and renewal policies.