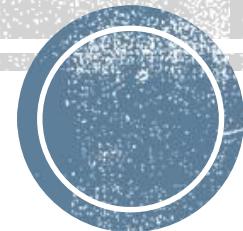


# North Carolina Community College

## NCCCAEA Fall Conference

OEMS Update



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# Topics of discussion



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- Transition status
- Current concerns
- Computer Based Testing
- Proposed rule changes
- Other items



# Transition Status

**Transition  
Together**



# Current numbers- Personnel

- Credentialed personnel needing transition
  - 2898
- Transitioned and not updated in Continuum
  - 497 MR
  - 582 EMT-I
  - 2607 EMT-P



# Current Concerns



# Current Concerns-Major

- Inadequate records
  - Students Pre-requisites
  - Grading
  - Attendance
  - Clinical and Field Documentation



# Current Concerns

- Submit course information in a timely manner for approval
  - A minimum of 28 prior to the start date
  - Courses submitted after the start date may not be approved
- Students register themselves in Continuum and populate on the rosters
  - Once Continuum (CIS Ver. 3) launches, you have 14 days from the first day of class
  - Continuum will be here in the very near future
- Notify Education Specialist when any EMS Coordinator change occurs
  - If no Level II is in place, legally you are not offering approved EMS courses



# Compliance Audits

- OEMS Ed Staff will perform a minimum of six full program audits in FY 18-19
  - Institutions will be notified a minimum of 14 days prior to the intended audit date
  - Minimum:
    - Current courses
    - Courses completed within the last two years
  - Maximum:
    - Current courses
    - Courses completed within the last four years



# NCCCS compliance documents

Emergency Medical Responder Student File Checklist of Required Documents [Read-Only] - Word

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Emergency Medical Responder Student File Checklist of Required Documents

Student Name\_\_\_\_\_

Course Section Number\_\_\_\_\_

NC OEMS course Number\_\_\_\_\_

Lead Instructor\_\_\_\_\_

Course Begin/End Dates\_\_\_\_\_

Student Final Course Grade (Numeric and Alpha)\_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Requisites:

High School Diploma or High School Equivalency

Reading Comprehension Placement Test (10<sup>th</sup> Grade) or Multiple Measures Verification

Course Documents:

Written test/quizzes answer sheets and/or tests

Completed independent skills evaluation check sheets

Completed TSOP check sheets

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Emergency Medical Responder Master File Checklist Draft [Read-Only] - Word

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Emergency Medical Responder Master File Checklist of Required Documents

Course Section Number \_\_\_\_\_

NC OEMS Course Number \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

Course Begin/End Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Date Students Entered in Continuum (14 days from start date) \_\_\_\_\_

Course Grade Date in Continuum \_\_\_\_\_

Course syllabus and/or updated syllabi  
 Course schedule and/or updates  
 Attendance sheet(s)  
 Grade sheets including grades for exams, quizzes, homework, bonus grades  
 Master copy of tests/quizzes (numbered)  
 Master copy of skills (numbered)  
 Master copy of TSOPs (numbered)

Lead Instructor Verification Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_

Program Coordinator Verification Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# Computer Based Testing



# CBT Update

- Pilots launched on May 14, 2018
  - 19 individuals from various Institutions participated
- Official launch May 21, 2018, with results held for 30-45 days
  - Candidates must wait a minimum of 4 days to test after registration is complete
  - Candidates needing to retest must wait 7 days to retake the exam
  - EMT and Paramedic results were released on or before the 45<sup>th</sup> day
    - AEMT and EMR took slightly longer due to sample size
- Exams counts as of September 10, 2018:
  - EMR- 92
  - EMT- 1645
  - AEMT- 109
  - Paramedic- 344
  - Currently scheduled- 177
  - No Shows- 4



# Written Exam Development

- Is owned and maintained by NCOEMS
- Only Non-EMS personnel involved
  - Psychometricians or Statisticians
- Subject Matter Experts (SME)
  - Submit questions
  - Review questions
- Questions formatted to meet
  - National EMS Education Standards
  - Minimum of one reference texts or nationally accepted practice
  - Instructor Guidelines



# Proposed Rule Changes- 2020



# Changes being considered

- Initial Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic
  - Institutions will have to possess verification of accreditation or a valid letter of review from CAAHEP
- Legal Recognition
  - EMR, EMT, AEMT and Paramedic
    - Students completing courses through an OEMS approved educational institution shall complete a written examination administered by the OEMS
  - AEMT or Paramedic
    - Completed CAAHEP Accredited program.
    - Effective July 1, 2022, individuals seeking a Paramedic Credential must possess a minimum of an Associate's degree (Non-specific).
      - Individuals not possessing an Associate's degree will be Credentialed at the Advanced EMT Level (AEMT) until such time as a degree is obtained.
- Examinations
  - A maximum of three attempts within six months



# Changes being considered

- Level I Instructor
  - Completed post-secondary level education equal to or exceeding an Associate Degree
    - Degree must be from an accredited institution of higher learning
  - Ed Meth Course will remain valid for the term of the active Instructor credential
- Level II Instructor
  - Completed post-secondary level education equal to or exceeding a Baccalaureate Degree
    - Degree must be from an accredited institution of higher learning
  - Ed Meth Course/Level II Admin Course will remain valid for the term of the active Instructor credential
- Instructor Renewals
  - 96 hours of EMS instruction at the level of application
    - Program directors or positions determined by OEMS staff in as equivalent may provide up to 72 (three quarters) hours of professional development related to the institution's needs, with the remaining 24 hours in EMS instruction;



# Changes being considered

- Reinstatement of Lapsed EMR, EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic Credential or Instructor Credential
  - Have up to 6 months to have their Credential reinstated
- Institution Program Directors
  - Single person to oversee the program
  - All Program Directors to possess Level II at or above the level of Instruction
- Program Directors Workshop- Required
  - 3 offerings per year
    - Winter EMS Administrators Symposiums
    - Summer EMS Administrators Symposiums
    - NC EMS Expo
  - Program Director of record does not attend
    - Action taken against the individual in accordance with .1507 EMS PERSONNEL CREDENTIALS
    - Action taken against the institution in accordance with .1505 EMS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



# Changes being considered

- Basic and Advanced EMS Educational Institutions
  - Complete one initial course per year for each educational program approved.
    - Institutions not meeting this will be reduced to the next lowest Institutional Level
  - Initial credentialing courses
    - Appropriate Level I or II EMS Instructor as the lead instructor for courses
      - The lead instructor shall be responsible for delivering 50% of the didactic content for each assigned course
      - Didactic course content shall be delivered a minimum of 50% of the time in a traditional seated class
  - A lead EMS educational program coordinator who is responsible for all aspects of the program including:
    - The administrative oversight, organization, and supervision of the program;
    - Continuous quality review, improvement of the program, long range planning, ongoing development of the program
    - Evaluating the effectiveness of the instruction, faculty, and overall program;
    - The cooperative involvement with the medical advisor;
    - The training and supervision of clinical and field internship preceptors;
    - The effectiveness and quality of fulfillment of responsibilities delegated to other qualified individuals



# Changes being considered

- Basic and Advanced EMS Educational Institutions
  - Educational Medical Advisor that meets the NCCEP Criteria and whose responsibilities include:
    - Medical oversight of the program;
    - Collaboration to provide appropriate and updated educational content for the program curriculum;
    - Establish minimum requirements for program completion;
    - Oversight of student evaluation, monitoring, and remediation as needed;
    - Ensuring entry level competence;
    - Ensure interaction of physician and students
- Advanced EMS Educational Institutions
  - Program director should be a full-time position
    - The program director possess a Bachelor degree (Paramedic), Associate Degree (AEMT)
  - Should be supported by faculty member separate from lead EMS educational program director
    - The faculty member shall assist in teaching and/or clinical coordination



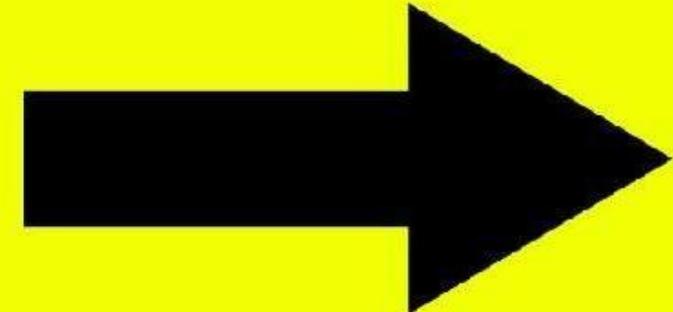
# Changes being considered

- Advanced EMS Educational Institutions
  - Effective July 1, 2022, all AEMT and Paramedic programs shall meet curricula standards established by the North Carolina Community College System
  - AEMT and Paramedic students shall complete college level English, Math, and Anatomy/Physiology I and II
  - Individuals shall possess a minimum of an associate degree to be eligible for the North Carolina Paramedic credentialing exam or to obtain a Paramedic credential through legal recognition pursuant to G.S. 131E-159(c)



# Other

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# Other items

- Program Coordinators can obtain access to advertise on the EMS News Page
- Remember to send in course info within a timely manner (28 days prior to start date)
  - Considering adding to new rule set
    - Would include enforcement piece
- Students need to be registered in Continuum by the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the course
  - Considering adding to new rule set
    - Would include enforcement piece
- Notify office of courses needing to be extended



# What can our office do for you?



# Q & A

