

100100.02 Continuing Education Delivery Formats and Limitations

(a)

Delivery formats for CE courses shall be by any of the following: (1) Classroom -- didactic and/or skills laboratory where direct interaction with instructor is possible. (2) Organized field care audits of patient care records; (3) Courses offered by accredited universities and colleges, including junior and community colleges; (4) Structured clinical experience, with instructional objectives, to review or expand the clinical expertise of the individual. (5) Media based and/or serial productions (e.g. films, videos, audiotape programs, magazine articles offered for CE credit, home study, computer simulations or interactive computer modules). (6) Precepting EMS students or EMS personnel as a hospital clinical preceptor, as assigned by an EMS training program, an EMS service provider, a hospital or alternate base station approved according to this Division. In order to issue CE for precepting EMS students or EMS personnel, an EMS service provider, hospital or alternate base station must be a CE provider approved according to this Chapter. CE for precepting can only be given for actual time spent precepting a student or EMS personnel and must be issued by the EMS training program, EMS service provider, hospital or alternate base station that has an agreement or contract with the hospital clinical preceptor or with the preceptor's employer. (7) Precepting EMS students or EMS personnel as a field preceptor, as assigned by an EMS

training program or an EMS service provider approved according to this Division. CE for precepting can only be given for actual time precepting a student and must be issued by the EMS training program or EMS service provider that has an agreement or contract with the field preceptor or with the preceptor's employer. In order to issue CE for precepting EMS students or EMS personnel, an EMS service provider must be a CE provider approved according to this Chapter. (8) Advanced topics in subject matter outside the scope of practice of the certified or licensed EMS personnel but directly relevant to emergency medical care (e.g. surgical airway procedures). (9) At least fifty (50) percent of the required CE hours must be in a format that is instructor based, which means that instructor resources are readily available to the student to answer questions, provide feedback, provide clarification, and address concerns (e.g., on-line CE courses where an instructor is available to the student). This provision shall not include precepting or magazine articles for CE credit. The CE provider approving authority shall determine whether a CE course, class or activity is instructor based. (10) During a certification or licensure cycle, an individual may receive credit, one time only, for service as a CE course, class, or activity instructor. Credit received shall be the same as the number of CE hours applied to the course, class, or activity. (11) During a certification or licensure cycle, an individual may receive credit, one time only, for service as an instructor for one of the following, an approved EMT-I, EMT-II, or paramedic training program, except that the hours of service shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the total CE hours required in a single certification or licensure cycle. (12) When guided by the EMS service provider's QIP, an EMS service provider that is an approved CE provider may issue CEH for skills competency demonstrations to address any deficiencies identified by the service provider's QIP. Skills competency demonstration shall be conducted in accordance with the

respective National Standard Curriculum skills outline or in accordance with the policies and procedures of the local EMS agency medical director.

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Advanced topics in subject matter outside the scope of practice of the certified or licensed EMS personnel but directly relevant to emergency medical care (e.g. surgical airway procedures).

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When guided by the EMS service provider's QIP, an EMS service provider that is an approved CE provider may issue CEH for skills competency demonstrations to address any deficiencies identified by the service provider's QIP. Skills competency demonstration shall be conducted in accordance with the respective National Standard Curriculum skills outline or in accordance with the policies and procedures of the local EMS agency medical director.

(b)

An individual may receive credit for taking the same CE course, class, or activity no more than two times during a single certification or licensure cycle.

(c)

Local EMS agencies may not require additional continuing education hours for accreditation.

(d)

If it is determined through a QIP that EMS personnel working in a local EMS system need remediation or refresher in an area of the individual's knowledge and/or skills, a local EMS agency medical director or an EMS service provider may require the EMS personnel to take an approved CE course with learning objectives that addresses the remediation or refresher needed, as part of the individual's required hours of CE for maintaining certification or licensure.

(e)

Because paramedic license renewal applications are due to the EMS Authority

thirty days prior to the expiration date of a paramedic license, a continuing education course(s) taken in the last month of a paramedic's licensure cycle, may be applied to the paramedic's subsequent licensure cycle, if that CE course(s) was not applied to the licensure cycle during which the CE course(s) was taken.