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ADOPT: 333-264-0000

RULE TITLE: Applicability

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RULE SUMMARY: Adopt OAR 333-264-0000

Describes purpose of administrative rules in chapter 333, division 264.

RULE TEXT:

The purpose of OAR 333-264-0000 through OAR 333-264-0140 is to set minimum requirements for the education of emergency medical services providers in Oregon that will foster safe and effective practice.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.208, ORS 682.216

ADOPT: 333-264-0010

RULE TITLE: Definitions

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Adopt OAR 333-264-0010

Adds definitions for purposes of initial education requirements. All definitions relating to initial education were moved from OAR 333-265-0000 to this rule. Terms amended from previous definitions in OAR 333-265-0000 include 'clinical experience,' 'educational institution,' 'emergency care,' and 'preceptor.' Terms added include 'competency-based assessment program,' 'course director,' 'EMS provider course,' 'field experience,' 'field internship,' 'instruction,' 'instructor,' 'nurse practitioner,' 'physician,' 'physician associate,' 'registered nurse,' and 'these rules.'

RULE TEXT:

- (1) "Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT or Advanced EMT)" means a person who is licensed by the Oregon Health Authority (Authority) as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician.
- (2) "Ambulance service" means a person, governmental unit, or other entity that operates ambulances and holds itself out as providing prehospital care or medical transportation to persons who are ill or injured or who have disabilities.
- (3) "Authority" means the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program, within the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division.
- (4) "Business day" means Monday through Friday when the Authority is open for business, excluding holidays.
- (5) "Clinical experience (clinical)" means learning in a medical, social service, residential, psychological, public health or other care setting that aligns with learning competencies, objectives, or outcomes in an EMS provider course.
- (6) "Competency-based assessment (CBA) program" means an assessment system specified by the Authority used to verify achievement of student performance outcomes in an EMS provider course.
- (7) "Course director" means the designated primary instructor of an EMS provider course.
- (8) "Direct visual supervision" means that a person qualified to supervise is at the patient's side to monitor the emergency medical services provider in training.
- (9) "Educational institution" means a degree-granting community college, college or university or a licensed vocational school accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) or other institutional accrediting body, and that is authorized or licensed by the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission to administer degree and certificate programs.
- (10) "Emergency care" means the performance of acts or procedures under emergency conditions in the observation, care and counsel of persons who are ill or injured or who have disabilities; in the administration of care or medications as prescribed by a licensed physician or naturopathic physician, insofar as any of these acts is based upon knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical and social science as required by a completed course utilizing an approved curriculum in prehospital emergency care. However, "emergency care" does not include acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures.
- (11) "EMS" means Emergency Medical Services.
- (12) "EMS medical director" has the same meaning as "supervising physician" in ORS 682.025.
- (13) "Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)" means a person who is licensed by the Authority as an Emergency Medical Responder.
- (14) "Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency" means any person, governmental agency or unit, or other entity that utilizes emergency medical services providers to provide prehospital emergency or nonemergency care. An EMS agency may be either an ambulance service or a nontransporting service.
- (15) "Emergency Medical Services provider (EMS provider)" means a person who has received formal training in prehospital and emergency care, and is licensed to attend to any person who is ill or injured or who has a disability. Police officers, fire fighters, funeral home employees and other persons serving in a dual capacity, one of which meets the definition of "emergency medical services provider" are "emergency medical services providers" within the meaning of ORS chapter 682.

- (16) "EMS provider course" means a course of instruction approved by the Authority presenting the combination of learning activities, experiences, and assessments used to achieve content standards and student performance outcomes that are required in the initial training of an EMS provider.
- (17) "Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)" means a person who is licensed by the Authority as an Emergency Medical Technician.
- (18) "EMT-Intermediate" means a person who is licensed by the Authority as an EMT-Intermediate.
- (19) "Field experience" means student learning at an ambulance service or EMS agency that occurs under direct visual supervision and aligns with course objectives and student performance outcomes within an EMS provider course.
- (20) "Field internship" means student learning with a preceptor at an advanced life support ambulance service that operates within a 911 system.
- (21) "Governmental unit" means the state or any county, municipality or other political subdivision or any department, board or other agency of any of them.
- (22) "In good standing" means a person who is currently licensed and who does not have any restrictions placed on their license, or who is not on probation with a licensing agency or the National Registry for any reason.
- (23) "Instruction" means the facilitation and assessment of student learning that meets course objectives and student performance outcomes in an EMS provider course.
- (24) "Instructor" means a person who assists the course director with teaching activities in an EMS provider course.
- (25) "National Registry" means the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.
- (26) "Nonemergency care" means the performance of acts or procedures on a patient who is not expected to die, become permanently disabled or suffer permanent harm within the next 24-hours, including but not limited to observation, care and counsel of a patient and the administration of medications prescribed by a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, or naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685, insofar as any of those acts are based upon knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical and social science and are performed in accordance with scope of practice rules adopted by the Oregon Medical Board in the course of providing prehospital care as defined by this rule.
- (27) "Nurse practitioner" means a person licensed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing in accordance with ORS chapter 678.
- (28) "Paramedic" means a person who is licensed by the Authority as a Paramedic.
- (29) "Patient" means a person who is ill or injured or who has a disability and who receives emergency or nonemergency care from an EMS provider.
- (30) "Prehospital care" means care rendered by EMS providers as an incident of the operation of an ambulance and care rendered by EMS providers as incidents of other public or private safety duties, and includes, but is not limited to "emergency care" as defined in this rule.
- (31) "Preceptor" means a person at an ambulance service who is licensed as a Paramedic or higher and who is in good standing with their state regulatory agency. The preceptor is appointed and approved by the educational institution, and supervises and evaluates the performance of an EMS provider student during the field internship of an EMS provider course.
- (32) "Protocols" has the same meaning as standing orders.
- (33) "Physician" means a person licensed by the Oregon Medical Board in accordance with ORS chapter 677.
- (34) "Physician associate" means a person licensed by the Oregon Medical Board in accordance with ORS 677.505 to ORS 677.525.
- (35) "Registered nurse" means a person licensed with the Oregon State Board of Nursing in accordance with ORS chapter 678.
- (36) "Scope of practice" means the maximum level of emergency or non-emergency care that an EMS provider may provide as set forth in rules adopted by the Oregon Medical Board.
- (37) "Standing orders" means the written protocols that an EMS provider follows to treat patients when direct contact with a physician is not maintained.

(38) "These rules" means OAR 333-264-0000 through OAR 333-264-0140.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208, ORS 682.216

AMEND: 333-264-0030

RULE TITLE: Eligibility, Application, and Approval of EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate, and Paramedic Courses

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Amend OAR 333-264-0030 (Renumbered from OAR 333-265-0010)

Clarifies eligibility to conduct an EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic provider educational course. Removes requirement that institutions offering a course must employ an EMS licensing officer to conduct psychomotor exams, since psychomotor exams are being eliminated. Requires that institutions have a course director that oversees the educational course(s). Allows additional instructors to assist with course of instruction. Updates rule references.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) The Oregon Health Authority (Authority) is responsible for approving EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic courses.
- (2) EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic courses must be offered or supervised by an educational institution and must meet the standards established by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) in OAR chapter 581, division 49.
- (3) Notwithstanding section (2) of this rule, the Authority may:
 - (a) Allow an Oregon non-educational institution to conduct an EMT course if there is no training available from an educational institution in a rural part of the state.
 - (b) Allow an Oregon non-educational institution to conduct an EMT-Intermediate course if there is no training available from an educational institution.
- (4) An Oregon non-educational institution that wishes to conduct an EMT or EMT-Intermediate course in accordance with section (3) of this rule shall send a written request to the Authority including evidence of need for the course and lack of training offered by an educational institution.
- (5) EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic courses must meet the requirements prescribed by the Authority in OAR 333-264-0050.
- (6) EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic courses must have a designated course director who meets the requirements of OAR 333-264-0110.
- (7) Additional instructors who assist with instruction in EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic courses must meet the requirements of OAR 333-264-0050.
- (8) An educational institution or an Oregon non-educational institution approved by the Authority under section (3) of this rule must submit an application to the Authority on a form prescribed by the Authority that includes all the information necessary to determine whether the course meets the standards prescribed in OAR 333-264-0050 and the course director qualifications prescribed in OAR 333-264-0110. The form must be received by the Authority at least 30 business days prior to the first day of class.
- (9) The Authority will return an application that is incomplete to the applicant.
- (10) The Authority will inform an applicant in writing whether the application has been denied or approved.
- (11) No educational institution or Oregon non-educational institution shall conduct an EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate or Paramedic course until the Authority has approved the course.
- (12) The Authority may deny or revoke the approval to conduct an EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate or Paramedic course in accordance with ORS chapter 183 and these rules.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.216, ORS 682.208, ORS 682.017

AMEND: 333-264-0040

RULE TITLE: Eligibility, Application and Approval of Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Courses

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Amend OAR 333-264-0040 (Renumbered from OAR 333-265-0012)

Clarifies that the Oregon Health Authority (Authority) is responsible for approving EMR courses. Updates rule number references.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) The Oregon Health Authority (Authority) is responsible for approving EMR courses.
- (2) An ambulance service or any other entity in Oregon may conduct an EMR course that meets the requirements of OAR 333-264-0050, if approved by the Authority.
- (3) An ambulance service or entity that wants to conduct an EMR course must submit an application to the Authority on a form prescribed by the Authority that includes all the information necessary to determine whether the course meets the standards prescribed in OAR 333-264-0050 and whether the course director meets the requirements in OAR 333-264-0100. The form must be received by the Authority at least 30 business days prior to the first day of class.
- (4) The Authority shall return an application that is incomplete to the applicant.
- (5) No entity shall conduct an EMR course until the Authority has approved the course.
- (6) The Authority may deny or revoke the approval to conduct an EMR course in accordance with ORS chapter 183 and these rules.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.216, ORS 682.208, ORS 682.017

AMEND: 333-264-0050

RULE TITLE: EMS Provider Course Requirements

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RULE SUMMARY: Amend OAR 333-264-0050 (Renumbered from OAR 333-265-0014)

Clarifies the types of instructors and positions necessary to conduct an EMS provider course and specifies qualifications necessary for a course director; allows additional instructors to assist with instruction and specifies necessary qualifications; allows subject matter experts to serve as guest instructors; clarifies that an EMS provider course must have clear course policies and student expectations that must be documented in a course syllabus that is provided to each student no later than the first week of starting the course; and specifies that the curriculum, instruction and assessment must demonstrate an organized pattern of instruction consistent with educational practices and principles of learning.

- For EMR courses, updates the curriculum standard from the 2009 National EMS Education Standards to the 2021 national standards; removes references to didactic and skill instruction and replaces with verification and documentation of student proficiency with the EMR scope of practice, and competency evaluations as prescribed by the Oregon Health Authority (Authority).
- For EMT and AEMT courses, updates the curriculum standard from the 2009 National EMS Education Standards to the 2021 national standards; removes references to didactic and skill instruction and replaces with verification and documentation of student proficiency as specified in the 2019 National EMS Scope of Practice Model and with the Oregon EMT or AEMT scope of practice; assessment of competency in accordance with the competency-based assessment program required under OAR 333-264-0070; and required clinical and field experiences.
- For EMT-Intermediate course, clarifies that the curriculum, instruction and assessment must meet or exceed the requirements specified by the Authority; removes references to didactic and skill instruction and replaces with verification and documentation of student proficiency in accordance with the EMS-Intermediate scope of practice; and assessment of competency in accordance with the competency-based assessment program required under OAR 333-264-0070.
- For Paramedic course, updates the curriculum standard from the 2009 National EMS Education Standards to the 2021 national standards; removes references to didactic and skill instruction and replaces with verification and documentation of student proficiency as specified in the 2019 National EMS Scope of Practice Model and with the Oregon Paramedic scope of practice; instruction and assessment in all learning domains; and required clinical experience and field internship.

Adds requirement that all courses must include instruction for obtaining certification from the National Registry and Oregon licensure. Clarifies that a person must maintain EMT licensure throughout duration of an AEMT or paramedic course and adds requirement that a student may not perform skills outside the scope of practice of their current Oregon EMS provider license when outside of scheduled course activities.

RULE TEXT:

(1) All EMS provider courses must include:

- (a) An EMS medical director. The EMS medical director must meet the qualifications of a supervising physician as defined in OAR 847-035-0001 and OAR 847-035-0020;
- (b) A course director that meets the qualifications prescribed in OAR 333-264-0100 for EMR courses or OAR 333-264-0110 for EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic courses; and
- (c) Additional instructors to assist with instruction and assure safe student performance during skill and scenario-based activities. Additional instructors must be licensed as:
 - (A) An Oregon EMS provider at or above the level of the EMS provider course and in good standing with the Oregon Health Authority (Authority);

- (B) A physician or physician associate in good standing with the Oregon Medical Board;
 - (C) A registered nurse or nurse practitioner in good standing with the Oregon State Board of Nursing; or
 - (D) An Oregon medical provider or practitioner in good standing with their regulatory licensing board, who has specific experience and knowledge relevant to their instructional assignment.
- (2) An EMS provider course may include subject matter experts who serve as guest instructors in an EMS provider course. Subject matter experts must possess the specific experience and knowledge for the topics or skills they will teach.
- (3) Course policies and student expectations for successful course completion must be clearly documented in a course syllabus and given to the students no later than the first week of the course.
- (4) Curriculum, instruction, and assessment shall demonstrate an organized pattern of instruction consistent with sound educational practices and principles of learning which enable the student to develop entry-level competence.
- (5) An EMR course must include:
- (a) A curriculum that meets or exceeds the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, December 2021;
 - (b) Verification and documentation of student proficiency with skills in the EMR scope of practice as specified in OAR 847-035-0030; and
 - (c) Final student competency evaluations as prescribed by the Authority.
- (6) An EMT course must include:
- (a) A curriculum that meets or exceeds the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, December 2021;
 - (b) Verification and documentation of student proficiency with skills specified in the EMT 2019 National EMS Scope of Practice Model (DOT HS 813 151) and in the Oregon EMT scope of practice as specified in OAR 847-035-0030;
 - (c) Instruction and assessment of student performance outcomes required by the Authority and in accordance with the competency-based assessment (CBA) program described in in OAR 333-264-0070;
 - (d) Clinical experience as described in OAR 333-264-0090; and
 - (e) Field experience as described in OAR 333-264-0090.
- (7) An AEMT course must include:
- (a) A curriculum that meets or exceeds the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, December 2021;
 - (b) Verification and documentation of student proficiency with skills as specified in the 2019 National EMS Scope of Practice Model (DOT HS 813 151) and in the Oregon AEMT scope of practice as specified in OAR 847-035-0030;
 - (c) Instruction and assessment of student performance outcomes required by the Authority and in accordance with the competency-based assessment (CBA) program described in in OAR 333-264-0070;
 - (d) Clinical experience as described in OAR 333-264-0090; and
 - (e) Field experience as described in OAR 333-264-0090.
- (8) An EMT-Intermediate course must include:
- (a) Curriculum, instruction, and assessment that meets or exceeds the EMT-Intermediate education standards as prescribed by the Authority;
 - (b) Verification and documentation of student proficiency with skills in the EMT-Intermediate scope of practice as specified in OAR 847-035-0030; and
 - (c) Instruction and assessment of student performance outcomes required by the Authority and in accordance with the competency-based assessment (CBA) program described in OAR 333-264-0070.
- (9) A Paramedic course must include:
- (a) A curriculum that meets or exceeds the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, December 2021;
 - (b) Verification and documentation of student proficiency with skills in the Paramedic scope of practice as specified in the 2019 National EMS Scope of Practice Model (DOT HS 813 151) and in the Oregon Paramedic scope of practice as

specified in OAR 847-035-0030;

(c) Instruction and assessment in the cognitive, psychomotor, and affective domains of learning;

(d) Clinical experience as described in OAR 333-264-0090; and

(e) A field internship that is described in OAR 333-264-0090.

(10) All EMS provider courses must include instructions on Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) governing the EMS system, medicolegal issues, roles and responsibilities of EMS providers, and EMS professional ethics.

(11) All EMS provider courses must include instruction for obtaining certification from the National Registry (EMT, AEMT and Paramedic), and Oregon EMS provider licensure.

(12) The Authority may deny or revoke course approval in accordance with the provisions of ORS chapter 183 for failure to comply with the requirements of these rules.

(13) A person must have, and maintain, a current Oregon EMT license or higher at the time of enrollment and throughout the duration of an AEMT or Paramedic course.

(14) A student may not perform skills outside the scope of practice of their current Oregon EMS provider license when outside of scheduled course activities.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.216, ORS 682.208, ORS 682.017

ADOPT: 333-264-0070

RULE TITLE: Competency-Based Assessment (CBA) Program for EMT, AEMT and EMT-Intermediate Courses

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Adopt 333-264-0070

Creates new requirement that all EMT, AEMT, and EMT-Intermediate courses incorporate a competency-based assessment (CBA) program that must be approved by the Oregon Health Authority (Authority). Specifies application requirements and minimum standards for a CBA program. Specifies the types of changes that will require a new application for a CBA program that must be reapproved by the Authority. Specifies minimum data that must be reported to the Authority on an annual basis so that the Authority may assure compliance and ongoing quality improvement of the CBA program. Allows the Authority to request additional information and may conduct an audit of CBA courses. The Authority also has the authority to deny, suspend or revoke approval of courses.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) All EMT, AEMT, and EMT-Intermediate courses approved by the Oregon Health Authority (Authority) as described in OAR 333-264-0030 shall incorporate a competency-based assessment (CBA) program in a manner prescribed by the Authority.
- (2) The Authority sets student performance outcomes as required minimum competencies for the student to achieve in an EMT, AEMT, and EMT-Intermediate course.
- (3) The course director of an EMT, AEMT, or EMT-Intermediate course verifies student achievement of each student performance outcome in a manner prescribed by the Authority.
- (4) An application is required for the initial implementation of a CBA program in EMT, AEMT, and EMT-Intermediate courses.
 - (a) The application must be submitted on a form prescribed by the Authority a minimum of 60 days before implementation of the CBA program in a course.
 - (b) The initial application must include:
 - (A) Evidence of alignment between course activities and assessments with student performance outcomes required by the Authority;
 - (B) A copy of course syllabus policies regarding assessment, scoring, remediation, and processes to verify achievement of student performance outcomes within the CBA program;
 - (C) Evidence of alignment of clinical and field experiences to state-required student performance outcomes for EMT and AEMT courses; and
 - (D) A plan for instructor and student orientation to the CBA program.
 - (5) A revised application is required for significant changes to the administration or delivery of a previously approved CBA program within an EMT, AEMT, or EMT-Intermediate course and must be submitted on a form prescribed by the Authority a minimum of 30 days before the start of the course. A significant change includes, but is not limited to:
 - (a) The change of a course director;
 - (b) The change of a program director; or
 - (c) Realignment of learning activities and assessments to student performance outcome required by the Authority.
 - (6) Implementation of a new CBA program or proposed changes to a previously approved CBA program shall not begin until the application is approved by the Authority.
 - (7) An educational institution must report data specified in section (9) of this rule relating to the CBA program for all EMT, AEMT, and EMT-Intermediate courses conducted in the academic year. The report must be submitted on a form prescribed by the Authority by June 30 of the current academic year.
 - (8) An Oregon non-educational institution that was approved by the Authority to teach an EMT or EMT-Intermediate course must report data specified in section (9) of this rule relating to the CBA program. The report must be submitted on a form prescribed by the Authority within 30 days of course completion.
 - (9) The following minimum data must be reported to the Authority:

- (a) Student enrollment and retention from each course;
- (b) Evaluation of alignment between learning activities and student performance outcomes required by the Authority;
- (c) Evaluation of CBA program policies and processes; and
- (d) A plan of CBA program changes, if applicable.

(10) The Authority will review CBA program reports to assure compliance and for ongoing quality improvement of the CBA program.

(a) The Authority may request further information or clarification during the review process.

(b) The Authority may conduct an audit of specific CBA courses and CBA program structure.

(11) The Authority may deny, suspend, or revoke approval of an EMT, AEMT, or EMT-Intermediate course in accordance with ORS chapter 183 and these rules for failure to comply with application, reporting, or CBA program requirements.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208, ORS 682.216

ADOPT: 333-264-0090

RULE TITLE: Clinical and Field Requirements for EMT, AEMT, and Paramedic Courses

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Adopt 333-264-0090

Specifies requirements for clinical and field experiences including site selection criteria. Amends previous requirements for field internships and defines "ambulance call" and "EMS call" for purposes of the types of patient assessments required. Clarifies that a Paramedic student must complete a clinical experience as well as a field internship. Specifies that clinical experience is required for a paramedic course where skills within the Paramedic scope of practice are performed under direct supervision. Clarifies that clinical experience and the field internship of a Paramedic course is informed by the 2023 Student Minimum Competency recommendations from the Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP). Clarifies that each Paramedic student in a field internship must be assigned to a preceptor and specifies preceptor qualifications which must be verified by the educational institution. During a field internship, Paramedic students must perform skills under the direct visual supervision of a preceptor. Requires that a plan be developed for clinical experiences, field experiences, and field internship that must be reviewed and approved annually by the course EMS medical director. Requires students participating in a clinical experience, field experience, or field internship with direct patient contact to meet the screening, training and background requirements specified under OAR 409-030-0170 through 0230 and must be covered under liability and insurance coverage as specified under OAR 409-030-0240. Clarifies that a student may not perform skills outside the scope of practice of their current Oregon license when outside of scheduled course activities, including clinical experience, field experience or field internship. A non-educational institution approved to conduct an EMT course must comply with the site selection criteria specified in rule.

RULE TEXT:

(1) For purposes of this rule:

(a) "AMBULANCE CALL" means an advanced life support, prehospital emergency medical services response which includes dispatch, scene response, and participation in specific assessment skills required of a licensed paramedic while riding in the patient compartment of an ambulance.

(b) "EMS CALL" means an advanced life support, prehospital emergency medical services response which includes dispatch, scene response, and participation in specific assessment skills required of a licensed paramedic, but does not include transport of a patient to a hospital.

(2) Clinical experience and field experience are required for EMT and AEMT courses.

(3) Clinical experience is required for a paramedic course where skills within the Paramedic scope of practice are performed under direct visual supervision.

(4) Students participating in direct patient contact in a clinical setting, as defined by OAR 409-030-0140, must:

(a) Meet the requirements for immunizations, screenings, training, and background checks as prescribed in OAR 409-030-0170 through 409-030-0230; and

(b) Be covered under liability and insurance coverage as described in OAR 409-030-0240.

(5) Site selection for clinical experience and site selection for field experience must include:

(a) A clear link to course learning objectives and student performance outcomes; and

(b) Opportunities for students to perform assessments and interventions in acute and emergency care settings.

(c) In addition, site selection should include opportunities for students to engage with diverse cultures, ethnicities, races, patient populations, and contexts.

(6)(a) In addition to clinical experience, a student enrolled in a Paramedic course must participate in a field internship with a preceptor at an advanced life support ambulance service that operates within a 911 system.

(b) The field internship must:

(A) Provide the student opportunities to synthesize the knowledge, skills, and judgments necessary to perform the duties of an entry-level Paramedic.

(B) Require a student to conduct patient assessments required of a licensed paramedic in at least 40 EMS or AMBULANCE CALLS with no less than eight each in cardiac, respiratory, general medical and trauma emergencies, and with at least 30 of the calls being AMBULANCE CALLS.

(7) Paramedic students participating in a field internship must be assigned to a preceptor who has a minimum of one year of prehospital care experience actively performing at or above the scope of practice for a licensed paramedic. It is the responsibility of the educational institution to:

(a) Ensure the preceptor is licensed and in good standing with the applicable state licensing authority; and

(b) Orient the preceptor to the student requirements for successful completion of the field internship in the Paramedic course.

(8) The 2023 Student Minimum Competency Recommendations described by the Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) model specific student competencies, patient ages, and patient conditions for clinical experience and a field internship in a Paramedic course.

(9) The educational institution must have a plan for any clinical experience, field experience, or field internship that:

(a) Is approved by the course EMS medical director and reviewed annually for effectiveness;

(b) Includes current written agreements for all clinical sites and field services; and

(c) Includes learning objectives for each clinical experience, field experience, and field internship and provide them to the students.

(10) A non-educational institution approved to conduct an EMT course must comply with section (5) of this rule.

(11) A student participating in clinical experience, field experience or a field internship shall not be considered one of the minimum staff at the facility or service.

(12) A student must demonstrate technical proficiency in the classroom with isolated skills relevant to the clinical site, field experience, or field internship before they may participate in the direct care of patients.

(13)(a) During clinical experience or field experience , a student must perform skills under the direct visual supervision of licensed clinical staff at or above the level for which the student is in training.

(b) During a field internship, a Paramedic student must perform skills under the direct visual supervision of a preceptor.

(14) A student may not perform skills outside the scope of practice of their current Oregon EMS provider license when outside of scheduled course activities including, clinical experience, field experience, or field internship.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208, ORS 682.216

AMEND: 333-264-0100

RULE TITLE: Course Director Qualifications and Responsibilities for EMR Courses

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Amend OAR 333-264-0100 (Renumbered from OAR 333-265-0018)

Amends the qualifications and responsibilities of an EMR course director. Allows the EMR course director to be a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician associate or physician.

RULE TEXT:

(1) An ambulance service or entity that has been approved by the Oregon Health Authority (Authority) to conduct an EMR course must have a qualified course director.

(2) An EMR course director must:

(a) Have appropriate training and experience to fulfill the role and have the credentials that demonstrate such training and experience;

(b) Be currently licensed in Oregon as an EMT or higher and in good standing with the Authority, or be a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician associate, or physician;

(c) Have a minimum of three years of prehospital care experience;

(d) Hold a current Basic Life Support (BLS) provider card or proof of course completion that meets or exceeds the American Heart Association (AHA) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC) guidelines (this course must include a practical skills evaluation); and

(e) Have successfully completed one of the following:

(A) The National Association of EMS Educators Level 1 Instructor I course;

(B) The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Fire Instructor I course;

(C) Have at least 40 hours of the Instructor Development Program offered by the DPSST;

(D) A minimum of three college credits in adult educational theory and practice or vocational educational theory and practice from an accredited institution of higher learning;

(E) A minimum of three years working as a full time EMT or higher with a licensed ambulance service and has experience conducting training; or

(F) Other instructor course approved by the Authority.

(3) An EMR course director:

(a) Is responsible for course planning, scheduling of instructional activities, monitoring of student learning, assuring consistency of instruction, and issuing student grades;

(b) Is responsible for coordinating and conducting the final student competency evaluations as prescribed by the Authority;

(c) Is the primary instructor, who instructs, is present at, or facilitates at least 50 percent of the course, unless this requirement is waived by the Authority in advance;

(d) Must ensure, if additional or guest instructors are used, that the instructor is qualified to teach the subject matter, meets requirements set forth in OAR 333-264-0050, follows the course curriculum, and meets course objectives for that subject; and

(e) Must have written documentation showing whether a student has successfully completed an EMS provider course as described in OAR 333-264-0140.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017

AMEND: 333-264-0110

RULE TITLE: Course Director Qualifications and Responsibilities for EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate, and Paramedic Courses

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Amend OAR 333-264-0110 (Renumbered from OAR 333-265-0020)

Amends the qualifications and adds responsibilities of an EMT, AEMT, or EMT-Intermediate course director. Allows the course to be taught by a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician associate or physician. Clarifies that the course director must have a minimum of three years of prehospital care experience. Adds additional requirements for a Paramedic course director including clarifying additional experience necessary for a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician associate or physician. Clarifies that a course director instructing within an approved competency-based assessment (CBA) program for the first time must be oriented to the CBA principles and strategies before the start of the course. Updates references of "instructor certificate" to "provider certificate."

RULE TEXT:

(1) A course director for an EMT, AEMT, or EMT-Intermediate course must:

(a) Be currently licensed as an Oregon EMS provider at the level of course being taught or higher, in good standing with the Oregon Health Authority (Authority), or be a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician, or physician associate;

(b) Have a minimum of three years of prehospital care experience;

(c) Hold a current Basic Life Support (BLS) provider card or proof of course completion that meets or exceeds the American Heart Association (AHA) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC) guidelines (this course must include a practical skills evaluation); and

(d) Have successfully completed one of the following:

(A) The National Association of EMS Educators Level 1 Instructor Course;

(B) The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Fire Instructor I course;

(C) At least 40 hours of the Instructor Development Program offered by the DPSST;

(D) A minimum of three college credits in adult educational theory and practice or vocational educational theory and practice from an accredited institution of higher learning; or

(E) Other instructor course approved by the Authority.

(2) In addition to the course director requirements in section (1) of this rule, a course director for a Paramedic course must either:

(a) Be an EMS medical director and hold a current:

(A) American Board of Emergency Medicine Certificate; or

(B) Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) provider certificate or equivalent and Advanced Trauma Life Support certificate or equivalent; or

(b) Be an Oregon licensed Paramedic in good standing with the Authority with at least three years of experience at the licensure level; and

(A) Possess at least an associate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning;

(B) Hold a current ACLS provider certificate from the American Heart Association or equivalent; and

(C) Hold a current Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS) provider certificate or equivalent, or a current Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) provider certificate or equivalent; or

(c) Be an Oregon registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician, or physician associate in good standing with their licensing board; and

(A) Have a minimum of three years of EMS-related working experience at or above the scope of practice for a licensed paramedic within the past 10 years or equivalent; and

(B) Hold a current Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) or Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) provider certificate or equivalent; and

(C) Hold a current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) provider certificate from the American Heart Association or

equivalent.

(3) A course director for an EMT, AEMT, or EMT-Intermediate course instructing within an Authority-approved competency-based assessment (CBA) program for the first time must be oriented to CBA principles and strategies before the start of the course.

(4) The course director of an EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate or Paramedic course:

(a) Is responsible for course planning, scheduling of instructional activities, monitoring of student learning, assuring consistency of instruction, and issuing student grades. When applicable, the course director also assures that students are scheduled for clinical experiences, field experiences, and field internships;

(b) Is the primary instructor, who instructs, is present at, or facilitates at least 50 percent of the course, unless this requirement is waived by the Authority in advance;

(c) Must ensure that:

(A) Course requirements described in these rules are incorporated in the EMS provider course;

(B) Additional instructors utilized in the course meet the qualifications described in OAR 333-264-0050; and

(C) There is written or electronic documentation showing whether a student has successfully completed an EMS provider course as described in OAR 333-264-0140.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017

AMEND: 333-264-0120

RULE TITLE: EMS Education Program Administrator and Faculty Responsibilities at an Educational Institution

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Amend OAR 333-264-0120 (Renumbered from OAR 333-265-0022)

Clarifies the responsibilities of an EMS Education program administrator, program director and course director at an educational institution.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) A program administrator is a non-faculty supervisor that provides oversight of the EMS education department, such as a dean or associate dean at a college.
- (2) A program director is responsible for the coordination, oversight, and quality improvement of courses within an EMS education program. A program director may also have a title of program coordinator at the educational institution.
- (3) The program administrator or program director shall report the verification of student competencies and course completion to the National Registry.
- (4) A course EMS medical director shall:
 - (a) Provide medical direction for the instructional, clinical and field experiences, and field internship portions of an EMS provider course; and
 - (b) Act as the ultimate medical authority regarding course content and exams, procedures and protocols.
- (5) A course director for a specific course:
 - (a) Is responsible for course planning, scheduling of instructional activities, monitoring of student learning, assuring consistency of instruction, and issuing student grades. When applicable, the course director also assures that students are scheduled for clinical experiences, field experiences, and field internships;
 - (b) Is the primary instructor, who instructs, is present at, or facilitates at least 50 percent of the course, unless this requirement is waived by the Oregon Health Authority in advance;
 - (c) Must ensure that:
 - (A) Course requirements described in these rules are incorporated in the EMS provider course;
 - (B) Additional instructors utilized in the course meet the qualifications described in OAR 333-264-0050; and
 - (C) There is written or electronic documentation showing whether a student has successfully completed an EMS provider course as described in OAR 333-264-0140 and is retained in accordance with the educational institution's policies and procedures.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017

ADOPT: 333-264-0140

RULE TITLE: Requirements for Successful Completion of EMR, EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate, and Paramedic Courses

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Adopt 333-264-0140

Adds requirements for successful completion of EMR, EMT, AEMT, EMT-Intermediate and Paramedic courses including completing and passing requirements described in the course syllabus, demonstrating technical skills proficiency based on the applicable scope of practice, completing and passing final student competency evaluations, and completion of required clinical experiences, field experiences, and field internship if required.

RULE TEXT:

(1) Successful EMR course completion includes:

- (a) Completing and passing all requirements described in the course syllabus;
- (b) Demonstrating technical proficiency of skills in the Oregon EMR scope of practice described in OAR 847-035-0030 and in accordance with course policies; and
- (c) Completing and passing the final student competency evaluations within the course and in a manner prescribed by the Oregon Health Authority (Authority) and course policies.

(2) Successful EMT course completion includes:

- (a) Demonstrating technical proficiency of skills in the 2019 National EMS Scope of Practice Model (DOT HS 813 151) and in the Oregon EMT scope of practice described in OAR 847-035-0030 in accordance with course policies;
- (b) Demonstrating achievement of all state-required performance outcomes in a competency-based assessment (CBA) program prescribed by the Authority; and
- (c) Completing all clinical and field requirements in the course in accordance with OAR 333-264-0090.

(3) Successful AEMT course completion includes:

- (a) Completing and passing all requirements described in the AEMT course syllabus;
- (b) Demonstrating technical proficiency of skills in the 2019 National EMS Scope of Practice Model (DOT HS 813 151) and in the Oregon AEMT scope of practice described in OAR 847-035-0030 in accordance with AEMT course policies;
- (c) Demonstrating achievement of all state-required performance outcomes in a CBA program prescribed by the Authority; and
- (d) Completing all clinical and field requirements in the AEMT course in accordance with OAR 333-264-0090.

(4) Successful EMT-Intermediate course completion includes:

- (a) Completing and passing all requirements described in the EMT-Intermediate course syllabus;
- (b) Demonstrating technical proficiency of skills in the Oregon EMT-Intermediate scope of practice described in OAR 847-035-0030 and in accordance with course policies; and
- (c) Demonstrating achievement of all state-required performance outcomes in a CBA program prescribed by the Authority.

(5) Successful Paramedic course completion includes:

- (a) Completing and passing all requirements described in the Paramedic course syllabus;
- (b) Demonstrating technical proficiency of skills described in the 2019 National EMS Scope of Practice Model (DOT HS 813 151) and in the Oregon Paramedic scope of practice described in OAR 847-035-0030 in accordance with course policies; and
- (c) Completing all clinical requirements, and the field internship in accordance with OAR 333-264-0090.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017

AMEND: 333-265-0000

RULE TITLE: Definitions

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Amend 333-265-0000

Removes definitions that are specific to education requirements and were added to OAR 333-264-0010. Removes definitions for the terms 'candidate,' 'didactic instruction,' 'EMS licensing officer,' 'regional EMS instructor,' 'skills examiner,' 'skills instruction,' and 'successful completion.'

RULE TEXT:

- (1) "Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT or Advanced EMT)" means a person who is licensed by the Oregon Health Authority (Authority) as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician.
- (2) "Ambulance service" means any person, governmental unit, or other entity that operates ambulances and holds itself out as providing prehospital care or medical transportation to persons who are ill or injured or who have disabilities.
- (3) "Authority" means the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program, within the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division.
- (4) "Continuing education" means education required as a condition of licensure under ORS chapter 682 to maintain the skills necessary for the provision of competent prehospital care. Continuing education does not include attending EMS related business meetings, EMS exhibits or trade shows.
- (5) "Criminal records check" means obtaining and reviewing criminal records and includes any or all of the following:
 - (a) A check of criminal offender information and driving records conducted through use of the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) maintained by the Oregon State Police (OSP), in accordance with the rules adopted and procedures established by OSP;
 - (b) A check of Oregon or other state criminal offender information, including through fingerprint identification or other means, conducted by OSP at the Authority's request; or
 - (c) A nationwide check of federal criminal offender information, including through fingerprint identification, conducted by OSP through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- (6) "Educational institution" means a degree-granting community college, college or university or a licensed vocational school accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities or other institutional accrediting body, that is authorized or licensed by the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission to administer degree and certification programs.
- (7) "Emergency care" means the performance of acts or procedures under emergency conditions in the observation, care and counsel of persons who are ill or injured or who have disabilities; in the administration of care or medications as prescribed by a licensed physician, or naturopathic physician, insofar as any of these acts is based upon knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical and social science as required by a completed course utilizing an approved curriculum in prehospital emergency care. However, "emergency care" does not include acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures.
- (8) "EMS" means Emergency Medical Services.
- (9) "EMS medical director" has the same meaning as "supervising physician" in ORS 682.025.
- (10) "Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)" means a person who is licensed by the Authority as an Emergency Medical Responder.
- (11) "Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency" means any person, governmental agency or unit, or other entity that utilizes emergency medical services providers to provide prehospital emergency or non-emergency care. An emergency medical services agency may be either an ambulance service or a nontransporting service.
- (12) "Emergency Medical Services provider (EMS provider)" means a person who has received formal training in prehospital and emergency care, and is licensed to attend to any person who is ill or injured or who has a disability. Police officers, fire fighters, funeral home employees and other persons serving in a dual capacity, one of which meets the definition of "emergency medical services provider" are "emergency medical services providers" within the meaning

of ORS chapter 682.

(13) "Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)" means a person who is licensed by the Authority as an Emergency Medical Technician.

(14) "EMT-Intermediate" means a person who is licensed by the Authority as an EMT-Intermediate.

(15) "Governmental unit" means the state or any county, municipality or other political subdivision or any department, board or other agency of any of them.

(16) "In good standing" means a person who is currently licensed and who does not have any restrictions placed on their license, or who is not on probation with a licensing agency or the National Registry for any reason.

(17) "Key party" means immediate family members and others who would be reasonably expected to play a significant role in the health care decisions of the patient or client and includes, but is not limited to, the spouse, domestic partner, sibling, parent, child, guardian and person authorized to make health care decisions of the patient or client.

(18) "National Registry" means the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

(19) "Nonemergency care" means the performance of acts or procedures on a patient who is not expected to die, become permanently disabled or suffer permanent harm within the next 24-hours, including but not limited to observation, care and counsel of a patient and the administration of medications prescribed by a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677, or naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685, insofar as any of those acts are based upon knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical and social science and are performed in accordance with scope of practice rules adopted by the Oregon Medical Board or Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine in the course of providing prehospital care as defined by this rule.

(20) "Paramedic" means a person who is licensed by the Authority as a Paramedic.

(21) "Patient" means a person who is ill or injured or who has a disability and who receives emergency or nonemergency care from an EMS provider.

(22) "Person" has the meaning give that term in ORS 174.100.

(23) "Prehospital care" means care rendered by EMS providers as an incident of the operation of an ambulance and care rendered by EMS providers as incidents of other public or private safety duties, and includes, but is not limited to "emergency care" as defined in this rule.

(24) "Protocols" has the same meaning as standing orders.

(25) "Reciprocity" means the manner in which a person may obtain Oregon EMS provider licensure when that person is licensed in another state and certified with the National Registry.

(26) "Scope of practice" means the maximum level of emergency or non-emergency care that an EMS provider may provide as set forth in rules adopted by the Oregon Medical Board.

(27) "Standing orders" means the written protocols that an EMS provider follows to treat patients when direct contact with a physician is not maintained.

(28) "These rules" means OAR 333-265-0000 through OAR 333-265-0170.

(29) "Transitional Paramedic license" means a license issued to an individual who is currently certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians as a Paramedic and who is working towards obtaining an associate degree or higher to obtain a Paramedic license.

(30) "Unprofessional conduct" means conduct unbecoming a person licensed to perform emergency care, or detrimental to the best interests of the public and includes:

(a) Any conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics of the medical profession or any conduct or practice which does or might constitute a danger to the health or safety of a patient or the public or any conduct, practice or condition which does or might impair an emergency medical services provider's ability safely and skillfully to practice emergency or nonemergency care;

(b) Willful performance of any medical treatment which is contrary to acceptable medical standards; and

(c) Willful and consistent utilization of medical service for treatment which is or may be considered inappropriate or unnecessary.

(31) "Volunteer" means a person who is not compensated for their time to staff an ambulance or EMS agency, but who

may receive reimbursement for personal expenses incurred.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017 - 682.991

REPEAL: 333-265-0015

RULE TITLE: Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Field Internships

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Repeal 333-265-0015

Repeals the AEMT field internship rule and replaces with the clinical or field experiences, and field internship requirements under OAR 333-264-0090.

RULE TEXT:

(1) A field internship is required as part of an AEMT course and shall include:

(a) Clinical experience performed under the supervision of a preceptor in a hospital emergency department, medical clinic, or in the field where a student must adequately demonstrate the ability to:

(A) Safely administer medications at least 5 times to a live patient;

(B) Safely gain vascular access at least 10 times on live patients of various age groups;

(C) Effectively ventilate at least 5 live patients of various age groups;

(D) Perform an adequate assessment and formulate and implement a treatment plan for the following:

(i) Patients with chest pain;

(ii) Patients with respiratory distress;

(iii) Patients with altered mental status; and

(iv) Pediatric, adult and geriatric patients; and

(b) Prehospital experience of at least eight hours participating in the provision of care during EMS or AMBULANCE CALLS under the supervision of an AEMT or above where the skills within the scope of practice of an AEMT are performed.

(2) Notwithstanding section (1)(a) of this rule, if a student with documented proof of clinical and field experience is unable to meet the live patient contacts prescribed, the student may complete the remainder of the requirements in a simulation lab performed under the supervision of a preceptor.

(3) A field internship must provide a student the opportunity to demonstrate the integration of didactic, psychomotor skills, and clinical education necessary to perform the duties of an entry-level AEMT.

(4) A student must successfully demonstrate a skill in the classroom lab or hospital clinical setting before that skill is performed and evaluated in a field internship.

(5) All EMS and AMBULANCE CALLS shall be under the direct visual supervision of a preceptor. In order for a call to be accepted, the preceptor must document and verify satisfactory student performance, including application of specific assessment and treatment skills required of a licensed AEMT.

(6) For purposes of this rule,, "AMBULANCE CALL" means an advanced life support, prehospital emergency medical services response which includes dispatch, scene response, patient care while riding in the patient compartment of an ambulance, and participation in specific assessment and treatment skills required of a licensed AEMT.

(7) "EMS CALL" means an advanced life support, prehospital emergency medical services response which includes dispatch, scene response, patient care and participation in specific assessment and treatment skills required of a licensed AEMT, but does not include the transport of a patient to a hospital.

(8) A student participating in a field internship shall not be considered one of the minimum staff required for an ambulance as described in OAR chapter 333, division 250.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, 682.208

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017, 682.208, 682.216

REPEAL: 333-265-0016

RULE TITLE: Paramedic Field Internships

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Repeal 333-265-0016

Repeals the Paramedic field internship rule and replaces with the clinical or field experiences, and field internship requirements under OAR 333-264-0090.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) A field internship is required as part of a Paramedic course.
- (2) A field internship must provide a student the opportunity to demonstrate the integration of didactic, psychomotor skills, and clinical education necessary to perform the duties of an entry-level paramedic.
- (3) The student must successfully demonstrate a skill in the classroom lab or hospital clinical setting before that skill is performed and evaluated in a field internship.
- (4) During a field internship a student must participate in providing care in at least 40 EMS or AMBULANCE CALLS with no less than eight each in cardiac, respiratory, general medical, and trauma emergencies, and with at least 30 of the calls being AMBULANCE CALLS. All EMS and AMBULANCE CALLS shall be under the direct visual supervision of a preceptor. In order for a call to be accepted, the preceptor must document and verify satisfactory student performance, including application of specific assessment and treatment skills required of a licensed Paramedic.
- (5) A student participating in an internship shall not be considered one of the minimum staff required for an ambulance as described in OAR chapter 333, division 250.
- (6) AMBULANCE CALL and EMS CALL has the same meaning given those terms in OAR 333-265-0015, except that all references to an AEMT are replaced with Paramedic.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, 682.208

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017, 682.208, 682.216

REPEAL: 333-265-0023

RULE TITLE: EMS Provider Examinations

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Repeal 333-265-0023

Repeals EMS provider exam rule and replaces with the competency-based assessment (CBA) program requirements under OAR 333-264-0070.

RULE TEXT:

(1) EMR Exam:

(a) In order to be licensed as an EMR, a candidate shall complete and pass both a cognitive and psychomotor examination within 12 months of completing the required course.

(b) The EMR cognitive and psychomotor examination must be administered by an entity approved by the Authority to conduct EMR courses and shall use a cognitive and psychomotor exam approved by the Authority.

(2) EMT Exam:

(a) In order to be licensed as an EMT, a candidate shall complete and pass both the cognitive and psychomotor examination designated by the National Registry.

(b) The Authority has adopted the National Registry exam standard: Emergency Medical Technician, Psychomotor Examination User Guide; September 1, 2016, incorporated by reference.

(c) An EMT examination for licensure will be administered by an EMS licensing officer and hosted by an educational institution or Authority approved non-educational institution that offers EMT courses.

(3) AEMT Exam:

(a) In order to be licensed as an AEMT, a candidate shall complete and pass both the cognitive and psychomotor examination designated by the National Registry.

(b) The Authority has adopted the National Registry exam standard: Advanced Level Examination Coordinator Manual; January 1, 2017, incorporated by reference.

(c) An AEMT psychomotor examination is a National Registry examination offered at various times during the year by the Authority. An AEMT candidate may also take the appropriate psychomotor examination in any state.

(4) EMT-Intermediate Exam: In order to be licensed as an EMT-Intermediate, a candidate shall complete and pass a psychomotor examination in accordance with OAR 333-265-0024.

(5) Paramedic Exam:

(a) In order to be licensed as a Paramedic, a candidate shall complete and pass both the cognitive and psychomotor examination designated by the National Registry.

(b) The Authority has adopted the National Registry exam standard: Advanced Level Examination Coordinator Manual; January 1, 2017, incorporated by reference.

(c) A Paramedic psychomotor examination is a National Registry examination offered at various times during the year by the Authority. A Paramedic candidate may also take the appropriate psychomotor examination in any state.

(6) The Authority shall establish the passing scores for EMR and EMT-Intermediate exams. The National Registry shall establish the passing scores for EMT, AEMT and Paramedic exams.

(7) In order to take the cognitive or psychomotor exam for an AEMT, EMT-Intermediate or Paramedic, the EMS provider must be currently licensed at the level immediately below the level they are wishing to attain, except as provided in section (8) of this rule.

(8) Notwithstanding section (7), a currently licensed EMT or AEMT may take the Paramedic cognitive or psychomotor exam if the EMT or AEMT is enrolled in a two year degree program at an educational institution.

(9) A candidate seeking accommodation under the American with Disabilities Act shall notify:

(a) The National Registry for the EMT, AEMT or Paramedic exam; or

(b) The Authority for the EMR or EMT-Intermediate exam.

(c) The Authority shall consider and act on the request in accordance with its policies and relevant laws.

[Publications: The publication(s) referred to or incorporated by reference in this rule are available from the National Registry of EMT's website: www.nremt.org.]

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, 682.208, 682.216

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017, 682.208, 682.216

REPEAL: 333-265-0024

RULE TITLE: EMT-Intermediate Provider Examination

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Repeal 333-265-0024

Repeals the EMT-Intermediate provider exam rule and replaces with the competency-based assessment (CBA) program requirements under OAR 333-264-0070.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) The EMT-Intermediate examinations for licensure will be administered by an EMS licensing officer and hosted by an educational institution or Authority approved non-educational institution that offers EMT-Intermediate courses.
- (2) In order to take the EMT-Intermediate provider examination, a candidate shall be currently licensed as an AEMT or be registered with the National Registry as an AEMT.
- (3) An EMT-Intermediate candidate who fails:
 - (a) Three or fewer skill stations of the EMT-Intermediate psychomotor examination may retest those skill stations failed on the same day with no additional charge by the Authority.
 - (b) One or more skill stations a second time must submit a re-examination fee and be scheduled through the Authority to retest any skill station failed.
 - (c) More than three skill stations of the EMT-Intermediate psychomotor examination must schedule a retest for a separate day, and submit a re-examination fee to the Authority.
- (4) If a candidate fails the psychomotor examination three times, the candidate must submit official documentation of remedial education before becoming eligible to re-enter the licensure examination process. Following successful completion of remedial education, a candidate must re-take and pass the psychomotor examination within three additional attempts.
- (5) A candidate must pass the psychomotor examination within 24 months after the completion of the required courses.
- (6) A candidate who fails the psychomotor examination six times or does not complete the examination process within 24 months of the completion date of the initial required courses must successfully complete the entire EMT-Intermediate course and reapply for licensure.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, 682.208, 682.216

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017, 682.208, 682.216

AMEND: 333-265-0025

RULE TITLE: Application Process to Obtain an EMS Provider License

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Amend 333-265-0025

Clarifies that a person applying for an EMS provider license must hold a current BLS provider card or proof of course completion that meets or exceeds the American Heart Association, CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care guidelines. Updates education administrative rule number references. Updates terminology to align with changes made under OAR chapter 333, division 264. Clarifies license application requirements for an EMT-Intermediate.

RULE TEXT:

(1) For any person to act as an EMS provider, a license must be obtained from the Oregon Health Authority (Authority).

(2) All applicants for initial licensure:

(a) Must submit a completed electronic application in a manner prescribed by the Authority along with the applicable fees;

(b) Hold a current Basic Life Support (BLS) provider card or proof of course completion that meets or exceeds the American Heart Association (AHA) Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC) guidelines (this course must include a practical skills evaluation); and

(c) Consent to a criminal records check by fingerprint identification in accordance with ORS 181A.195, ORS 181A.200 and OAR chapter 125, division 7.

(3) All applicants for license renewal shall comply with subsections (2)(a) and (b) of this rule and consent to a criminal records check in accordance with ORS 181A.195, ORS 181A.200 and OAR chapter 125, division 7 if required by the Authority.

(4) The Authority may use information obtained through criminal history records to determine suitability for licensure in accordance with OAR 125-007-0200 through 125-007-0330.

(a) If the Authority determines the information contained in the criminal history record may result in denial of the application or impose sanctions on the licensee, the applicant will be afforded reasonable time to complete, challenge, or correct the accuracy of the record before a final disposition or sanction is imposed.

(b) Procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or updating of an FBI identification record are set forth in Title 28, C.F.R., 16.34. Procedures for obtaining a change, correction, or updating of an Oregon criminal history record are set forth in OAR 257-010-0035.

(5) An applicant for EMR must:

(a) Be at least 16 years of age;

(b) Submit proof of successfully completing an Authority-approved course as specified in OAR 333-264-0140(1), on a form prescribed by the Authority;

(c) Submit the electronic application for licensure within 12 months from the date that the applicant successfully passed the course as described in subsection (5)(b) of this rule; and

(d) Provide authorization for the release of information, as necessary, from any persons or entities, including but not limited to educational institutions, employers, hospitals, treatment facilities, institutions, organization, governmental or law enforcement agencies.

(6) To become licensed as an EMT or AEMT an applicant must:

(a) Be at least 18 years of age;

(b) Submit proof of current certification with the National Registry at the level they are applying;

(c) Submit proof that the applicant:

(A) Received a high school diploma;

(B) Passed a general education development test (GED); or

(C) Has a degree from an accredited institution of higher learning; and

(d) Provide an authorization for the release of information, as necessary, from any persons or entities, including but not

limited to educational institutions, employers, hospitals, treatment facilities, institutions, organizations, governmental or law enforcement agencies in order for the Authority to complete the review of the application.

(7) To become licensed as an EMT-Intermediate, an applicant must:

(a) Be at least 18 years of age;

(b) Submit proof of current certification with the National Registry as an AEMT;

(c) Submit proof that the applicant:

(A) Received a high school diploma;

(B) Passed a general education development test (GED); or

(C) Has a degree from an accredited institution of higher learning;

(d) Submit proof of successfully completing an Authority-approved course as specified in OAR 333-264-0140(4) on a form prescribed by the Authority;

(e) Submit the electronic application for licensure within 12 months from the date that the applicant successfully passed the course as described in subsection (7)(d) of this rule; and

(f) Provide an authorization for the release of information, as necessary, from any persons or entities, including but not limited to educational institutions, employers, hospitals, treatment facilities, institutions, organizations, governmental or law enforcement agencies in order for the Authority to complete the review of the application.

(8)(a) To become licensed as a Paramedic, an applicant must:

(A) Be at least 18 years of age;

(B) Submit proof of current certification with the National Registry as a Paramedic;

(C) Submit proof that the applicant has received an associate degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher learning; and

(D) Provide an authorization for the release of information, as necessary, from any persons or entities, including but not limited to educational institutions, employers, hospitals, treatment facilities, institutions, organizations, governmental or law enforcement agencies in order for the Authority to complete the review of the application.

(b) An applicant for a Paramedic license who meets the requirements in paragraphs (8)(a)(A), (B) and (D) but who does not meet the requirement specified in paragraph (8)(a)(C) may submit an application for a Transitional Paramedic license. The applicant for a Transitional Paramedic license must provide proof of a high school diploma or GED.

(9) Any fee for a criminal records check must be paid by the applicant.

(10) An initial license must not exceed 30 months.

(11) The Authority may reject any application that is incomplete or is not accompanied by the appropriate fees.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208, ORS 682.216

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.204, ORS 682.208, ORS 682.212, ORS 682.216, ORS 682.218

REPEAL: 333-265-0026

RULE TITLE: EMS Licensing Officer Application and Approval

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Repeal 333-265-0026

Repeals requirements relating to EMS licensing officers given the adoption of the competency-based assessment (CBA) program under OAR 333-264-0070.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) Effective March 31, 2019, an EMS licensing officer must be approved by the Authority.
- (2) Any person wishing to act as an EMS licensing officer shall complete an electronic application in a manner prescribed by the Authority.
- (3) A course director may not serve as a licensing officer for an educational institution or non-educational institution in which the course director was the primary instructor for an EMS provider course.
- (4) The following minimum training, experience, and credentials are necessary for consideration:
 - (a) Hold a current Oregon EMT license or higher with a minimum of five years of prehospital care experience, and be in good standing with the Authority;
 - (b) Attend an initial EMS Licensing Officer course offered by the Authority;
 - (c) Complete and successfully pass an electronic EMS Licensing Officer examination; and
 - (d) Successful completion of at least one of the courses specified in OAR 333-265-0018(2)(d).
- (5) Notwithstanding section (3) of this rule, an EMS licensing officer attending an EMT-Intermediate psychomotor examination must be licensed in Oregon at least at an EMT-Intermediate level with at least two years field experience at that level or above and is in good standing with the Authority.
- (6) An applicant for an EMS licensing officer must provide a letter of sponsorship from the educational institution or non-educational institution that will host the EMT or EMT-Intermediate psychomotor examination.
- (7) Approval as an EMS licensing officer shall expire three years from the date approval was issued. In order to renew approval, the EMS licensing officer shall:
 - (a) Complete and sign a renewal application form prescribed by the Authority certifying that the information in the renewal application is correct and truthful;
 - (b) Complete and successfully pass an electronic EMS Licensing Officer examination;
 - (c) Submit two peer review forms as prescribed by the Authority:
 - (A) One peer review must be conducted by the renewing applicant on another Authority approved EMS licensing officer.
 - (B) The second peer review must be conducted by an Authority approved EMS licensing officer on the renewing applicant.
 - (C) Additional peer reviews forms may be required by the Authority.
- (8) When an EMS licensing officer fails to meet the requirements set forth in this rule, the EMS licensing officer is no longer eligible to conduct an EMT or EMT-Intermediate psychomotor examination and any exam results from such will be nullified.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, 682.208, 682.216

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017, 682.208, 682.216

AMEND: 333-265-0027

RULE TITLE: Transitional Paramedic License

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Amend 333-265-0027

Updates administrative rule number references.

RULE TEXT:

(1) The Oregon Health Authority (Authority) may issue a Transitional Paramedic license to an individual who:

- (a) Submits an application in accordance with OAR 333-265-0025 and pays the applicable fee under OAR 333-265-0030;
 - (b) Satisfies the requirements of OAR 333-265-0025(8)(a)(A), (B), and (D) and has a GED or high school diploma;
 - (c) Is currently certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) as a Paramedic; and
 - (d) Submits on a form prescribed by the Authority, information that demonstrates:
 - (A) The applicant is sponsored by a licensed ambulance service in Oregon that will immediately employ or has conditionally offered employment, whether in a paid or volunteer capacity;
 - (B) The sponsoring licensed ambulance service's EMS medical director will serve as the applicant's EMS medical director while the applicant is licensed as a Transitional Paramedic;
 - (C) The applicant agrees to obtain an associate degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher learning within the time period specified in this rule; and
 - (D) Any other information required by the Authority.
- (2) The Authority will review an application for a Transitional Paramedic license in accordance with OAR 333-265-0040.
- (3) A Transitional Paramedic licensee must obtain an associate degree or higher from an accredited institution of higher learning and submit proof of the degree to the Authority within 48 months from the date of initial Transitional Paramedic licensure.
- (4) An initial Transitional Paramedic license is valid for no more than 24 consecutive months from the date the license was issued.
- (a) A Transitional Paramedic license may be renewed one time upon completion and Authority approval of a renewal application in accordance with OAR 333-265-0045.
 - (b) The renewal application must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the expiration of the license.
 - (c) A Transitional Paramedic must comply with the continuing education requirements for Paramedics under OAR 333-265-0110.
 - (d) A Transitional Paramedic license is not eligible for reinstatement.
- (5) A Transitional Paramedic shall provide accurate annual progress reports, on a form prescribed by the Authority, to the Authority and the sponsoring licensed ambulance service, that identify the number of credits obtained during the year by the Transitional Paramedic from an accredited institution of higher learning and the number of credits remaining to obtain an associate degree or higher.
- (6) A Transitional Paramedic may only provide emergency and non-emergency care as allowed under the scope of practice specified under OAR 847-035-0030 while sponsored by a licensed ambulance service. A Transitional Paramedic that is separated from employment or otherwise no longer sponsored by the licensed ambulance service may not provide services until the Transitional Paramedic meets the requirements in section (1) of this rule.
- (7) The Authority may discipline, including suspend or revoke, a Transitional Paramedic license in accordance with OAR 333-265-0087 including for failure to comply with the provisions in this rule.
- (8) A Transitional Paramedic who wishes to revert to a lower-level license must:
- (a) Submit a new application for the license level sought in accordance with OAR 333-265-0025; and
 - (b) Be currently certified by the NREMT.
 - (c) A person registered with NREMT may request licensure at a lower level than their National Registry certification if

the person has previously been certified by the National Registry at the level of licensure for which the person is applying.

(d) A Transitional Paramedic who reverts to a lower-level license is not eligible for a new Transitional Paramedic license.

(9) Notwithstanding sections (3) and (4) of this rule, the Authority may extend the time limit for a Transitional Paramedic to meet the requirements in OAR 333-265-0025(8)(a)(C) based on hardship status.

(a) A Transitional Paramedic seeking a hardship status must submit a written request to the Authority, on a form prescribed by the Authority, no later than 30 days prior to the expiration of the renewed Transitional Paramedic license that includes the following information:

(A) A detailed description of the hardship;

(B) A current transcript of courses taken from an educational institution; and

(C) The number of credits remaining to obtain an associate degree.

(b) The Authority's EMS Director or designee has the discretion to grant or deny a hardship status.

(c) A hardship status is valid for no more than 12 months.

(10) A Transitional Paramedic license may not exceed a total of 60 months from the date the initial Transitional Paramedic license was issued. There are no grace periods, extensions, waivers or exceptions for extending a Transitional Paramedic license beyond 60 months.

(11) As used in this rule, "hardship status" means a status or condition that prevents a licensee from being able to work or take an online or in person education course.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208, ORS 682.216

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.204, ORS 682.208, ORS 682.212, ORS 682.216, ORS 682.218

AMEND: 333-265-0030

RULE TITLE: Fees for Licensure and License Renewal of an EMS Provider

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Amend 333-265-0030

Removes psychomotor reexam fees given the adoption of the competency-based assessment (CBA) program under OAR 333-264-0070.

RULE TEXT:

(1) The following fees apply:

(a) The initial application fee for EMS providers:

(A) EMR - \$45

(B) EMT — \$110;

(C) AEMT — \$125;

(D) EMT-Intermediate — \$125; and

(E) Paramedic — \$290.

(b) Reciprocity licensure fees:

(A) EMR — \$50;

(B) EMT — \$140;

(C) AEMT — \$165

(D) EMT-Intermediate — \$165; and

(E) Paramedic — \$300.

(c) Transitional Paramedic licensure fee is an additional \$50.

(d) License renewal fees:

(A) EMR — \$23;

(B) EMT — \$55;

(C) AEMT — \$85

(D) EMT-Intermediate — \$85; and

(E) Paramedic — \$150.

(e) Reinstatement fees:

(A) An EMS provider whose license has been expired for 12 months or less shall pay 100 percent of the renewal fee based on the provider's license level specified in subsection (1)(d) plus the late fee specified in section (3).

(B) An EMS provider whose license has been expired greater than 12 months to 15 months shall pay 50 percent of the initial fee based on the provider's license level specified in subsection (1)(a).

(C) An EMS provider whose license has been expired greater than 15 months to 18 months shall pay 25 percent of the initial fee based on the provider's license level specified in subsection (1)(a).

(D) An EMS provider whose license has been expired greater than 18 months to 24 months shall pay 100 percent of the initial fee based on the provider's license level specified in subsection (1)(a).

(2) An applicant for initial licensure or licensure by reciprocity shall pay the following prorated fee based on the license level and fee specified in subsection (1)(a) or (1)(b) of this rule and the time the application is submitted:

(a) Greater than 12 months to 24 months until the date of scheduled expiration: 100 percent of the initial or reciprocity fee.

(b) Greater than 9 months to 12 months until the date of scheduled expiration: 50 percent of the initial or reciprocity fee.

(c) Greater than 6 months to 9 months until the date of scheduled expiration: 25 percent of the initial or reciprocity fee.

(3) As authorized by ORS 682.216, a license renewal application submitted after June 1 of the license renewal year must include a \$40 late fee in addition to the license renewal fee.

(4) If an EMS provider has been on active military duty for more than six months of a license renewal period which

prevented the EMS provider from accessing continuing education, the Oregon Health Authority (Authority) may approve an extension of the current license to permit obtaining the required educational hours.

(5) The Authority may waive the EMS provider license renewal fee for an ambulance service or non-transport EMS agency which utilizes volunteers to provide a majority of its services. The ambulance service or non-transport EMS agency may only request one waiver per renewal period on a form prescribed by the Authority.

(6) All fees established in this rule are nonrefundable. (7) The fees established in section (1) of this rule apply to any application submitted on or after the effective date of these rules.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.212, ORS 682.216

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.212, ORS 682.216

AMEND: 333-265-0110

RULE TITLE: Continuing Education Requirements for License Renewal

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Amend 333-265-0110

Removes references to psychomotor skills examiner given the adoption of the competency-based assessment (CBA) program under OAR 333-264-0070. Appendices 1 and 2 are included for reference but are not being changed.

RULE TEXT:

(1) All licensed EMS providers must maintain current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification as specified in Appendix 1: Oregon Licensed EMS Providers Minimum Continuing Education Requirements, complete continuing education requirements as specified in sections (4) through (8) of this rule and maintain and submit records in accordance with OAR 333-265-0140. Continuing education credits shall be completed between the date of the license holder's last successful application to the date of the license holder's current license renewal application.

(2) The following standards shall apply to the continuing education requirements identified in Appendix 1: Oregon Licensed EMS Providers Minimum Continuing Education Requirements:

(a) Hour for hour credit shall be granted for:

(A) Attending training seminars, educational conferences, and continuing education classes within the license holder's scope of practice;

(B) Attending a live, webinar, or interactive online course for the same or higher level of licensure. For purposes of this rule, a webinar or interactive online course must have the ability to give, receive, and discuss information in real time;

(C) Online continuing education that provides a certificate of completion and is approved by the Commission on Accreditation for Pre-Hospital Continuing Education (CAPCE);

(D) Attending an accredited college course relating to medical and EMS-related topics. For purposes of this rule, hour for hour credit shall only be granted if a course syllabus is provided to the Oregon Health Authority (Authority) that specifies the number of hours on a specific topic; or

(E) Teaching any of the topics listed in Appendix 1: Oregon Licensed EMS Providers Minimum Continuing Education Requirements, if the license holder is qualified to teach the subject.

(b) No more than 50 percent of the total hours needed for each topic area may be obtained by self-study of medical journals, video or other media that is not CAPCE approved and is not facilitated by a live instructor. For purposes of this rule, each session of self-study must be approved by the agency training officer, EMS medical director or the Authority.

(3) An EMS medical director may require additional continuing education requirements and skill competency.

(4) An EMR is required to:

(a) Complete 12 hours of continuing education as specified in Appendix 1: Oregon Licensed EMS Providers Minimum Continuing Education Requirements; or

(b) Complete all requirements of the National Registry for EMR recertification.

(5) An EMT is required to:

(a) Complete 24 hours of continuing education as specified in Appendix 1: Oregon Licensed EMS Providers Minimum Continuing Education Requirements; or

(b) Complete all requirements of the National Registry for Emergency Medical Technician recertification.

(6) An AEMT is required to:

(a) Complete 36 hours of continuing education as specified in Appendix 1: Oregon Licensed EMS Providers Minimum Continuing Education Requirements; or

(b) Complete all requirements of the National Registry for AEMT recertification.

(7) An EMT-Intermediate is required to obtain at least 36 hours of continuing education as specified in Appendix 1: Oregon Licensed EMS Providers Minimum Continuing Education Requirements.

(8) A Paramedic, including a Paramedic with a Transitional Paramedic license or provisional license, is required to:

(a) Complete all requirements of the National Registry for Paramedic recertification; or

(b) Obtain at least 48 hours of continuing education as specified in Appendix 1: Oregon Licensed EMS Providers Minimum Continuing Education Requirements.

(9) When an EMR or EMT-Intermediate license holder obtains an initial license and there is less than 24 months before the license expires, the EMR or EMT-Intermediate license holder shall complete the continuing education credits specified in Appendix 2: Oregon Licensed EMR & EMT-Intermediate Providers Minimum Continuing Education Requirements when Initial Licensure is Less than 24 Months.

(10) In addition to the hours of continuing education required in this rule, any affiliated licensed EMS provider must, as specified in section 2 of Appendix 1: Oregon Licensed EMS Providers Minimum Continuing Education Requirements, demonstrate clinical skills competency through a hands-on evaluation supervised by the EMS medical director or their designee. An EMS medical director may require successful performance in a minimum number of clinical skills in these areas on either a human subject or a training mannequin (for example venipuncture or endotracheal intubation).

(11) It shall be the responsibility of each license holder to ensure the hours obtained meet the Authority's license renewal requirements.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.208, ORS 682.216, ORS 682.017, ORS 676.850

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208, ORS 682.216, ORS 676.850

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APPENDIX 1

OAR 333-265-0105, 333-265-0110 and 333-265-0160 Oregon Licensed Emergency Medical Services Providers Minimum Continuing Education Requirements

Section 1 – Continuing Education Topics	Two-Year Licensing Cycle				Notes/Comments
	EMR	EMT	AEMT/ EMT-I	Paramedic	
Trauma Emergencies	2	3	5	6	
Medical Emergencies	2	3	6	8	
Pediatric and Obstetric Emergencies	2	3	6	8	
Airway, Breathing and Cardiology	2	4	6	9	
Culture, Race, Gender and Ethnicity	1	2	2	2	Training opportunities to focus on cultural factors that may influence provider and patient's behaviors resulting in disparities in healthcare.
Miscellaneous EMS Topics (Related Topics)	3	9	11	15	Subjects represented by the National EMS Education Standards.
Total Hours for the Licensing Cycle	12	24	36	48	
CPR certification required for all levels					Current AHA Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider or equivalent CPR course. This course must include a practical skills evaluation.
Section 2 – Clinical Skills Competency for Affiliated EMSPs	At least once during licensing cycle				Notes/Comments
Airway Management & Adjuncts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proficiency within scope of practice
Cardiac Arrest Management	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Proficiency within scope of practice
Splinting & Immobilization	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Vascular Access	No	No	Yes	Yes	
Chest Decompression & Cricothyroidotomy	No	No	No	Yes	

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APPENDIX 2

OAR 333-265-0110

Oregon Licensed EMR & EMT-Intermediate Providers

Minimum Continuing Education Requirements when Initial Licensure is Less than 24 Months

Provider Level	EMR			EMT-I			Notes/Comments
Months Until Scheduled Expiration Date	6-12 months	12-18 months	18-24 months	6-12 months	12-18 months	18-24 months	
							Hours reflected are based on a percentage from the continuing education required in Appendix 1. 6-12 months = 50% 12-18 months = 75% 18-24 months = 100%
Trauma Emergencies	1	1.5	2	2.5	3.75	5	
Medical Emergencies	1	1.5	2	3	4.5	6	
Pediatric and Obstetric Emergencies	1	1.5	2	3	4.5	6	
Airway, Breathing and Cardiology	1	1.5	2	3	4.5	6	
Culture, Race, Gender and Ethnicity	0.5	0.75	1	1	1.5	2	Training opportunities to focus on cultural factors that may influence provider and patient's behaviors resulting in disparities in healthcare.
Miscellaneous EMS Topics (Related Topics)	1.5	2.25	3	5.5	8.25	11	Subjects represented by the National EMS Education Standards.
Total Hours for the Remainder of Licensing Cycle	6	9	12	18	27	36	
CPR certification required for all levels							Current AHA Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider or equivalent CPR course. This course must include a practical skills evaluation.
Clinical Skills Competencies for Affiliated EMSPs (see Appendix 1, Section 2)							At least once during licensing cycle

AMEND: 333-265-0140

RULE TITLE: Maintaining Continuing Education Records

NOTICE FILED DATE: 08/21/2024

RULE SUMMARY: Amend 333-265-0140

Updates terminology related to continuing education.

RULE TEXT:

(1) A license holder is responsible for retaining verifiable and accurate records that show completion of all required continuing education for the two previous licensure periods.

(2) A license holder must submit continuing education records to the Oregon Health Authority upon request.

(3) Acceptable records that show proof of completion of continuing education shall include any of the following documents:

(a) A course roster;

(b) A certificate of course completion for one or more topics;

(c) A computer generated printout history of the license holder's continuing education record. The agency responsible for the printout must verify the accuracy of the record by memo or signature; or

(d) Self-study documentation.

(4) The documents specified in subsections (3)(a) through (c) of this rule must include the following information:

(a) The full name of the license holder attending the course or for which the computer generated history applies;

(b) The name of the institution hosting or conducting the course;

(c) The physical location where the course was held;

(d) The course topic;

(e) The date(s) of the course(s);

(f) The length of each course; and

(g) The full name of each instructor teaching the course.

(5) Self-study documentation must include the following:

(a) Source (journal name and location, web link or video title);

(b) Topic; and

(c) Date completed.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 682.017, ORS 682.208, ORS 682.216