

# SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY PROGRAM POLICY

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## SUBJECT: EMT & ADVANCED EMT CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OVERVIEW

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In order to maintain certification, an EMT shall obtain at least twenty-four (24) hours and an Advanced EMT (AEMT) shall obtain at least thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education hours (CEH) from an approved continuing education provider.

Continuing education (CE) is a course, class, activity, or experience designed to be educational in nature, with learning objectives and performance evaluations for the purpose of providing EMS personnel with reinforcement of basic EMS training as well as knowledge to enhance individual and system proficiency in the practice of pre-hospital emergency medical care.

### **Continuing Education Delivery Formats and Limitations:**

A. Delivery formats for CE courses shall be by any of the following:

1. **Classroom** – didactic and/or skills laboratory where direct interaction with instructor is possible.
2. **Organized field care audits** of patient care records;
3. **Courses offered by accredited universities and colleges**, including junior and community colleges. 10 CE hours will be awarded for each academic quarter unit or 15 CE hours will be awarded for each academic semester for courses in physical, social or behavioral sciences (e.g. anatomy, physiology, sociology, psychology).
4. **Structured clinical experience**, with instructional objectives, to review or expand the clinical expertise of the individual.
5. **Media based and/or serial productions** (e.g. films, videos, audiotape programs, magazine articles offered for CE credit, home study, computer simulations or interactive computer modules).
6. **Precepting EMS students or EMS personnel as a hospital clinical preceptor**, as assigned by an EMS training program, an EMS service provider, a hospital or alternate base station.
7. **Precepting EMS students or EMS personnel as a field preceptor**, as assigned by an EMS training program or an EMS service provider.
8. **Advanced topics** in subject matter outside the scope of practice of the certified or licensed EMS personnel but directly relevant to emergency medical care (e.g. surgical airway procedures).

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9. **At least fifty percent of the required CE hours must be in a format that is instructor based.** Precepting in the field or hospital, acting as an instructor for; CE, EMT, Advanced EMT or paramedic training, or magazine articles for CE credit will be considered non-instructor based CE.
  10. During a certification or licensure cycle, an individual may receive credit, one time only, for service as a CE course, class, or activity instructor. Credit received shall be the same as the number of CE hours applied to the course, class, or activity.
  11. During a certification or licensure cycle, an individual may receive credit, one time only, for service as an instructor for one of the following, an approved EMT, Advanced EMT or paramedic training program, except that the hours of service shall not exceed fifty percent of the total CE hours required in a single certification or licensure cycle.
  12. When guided by the EMS service provider's QIP, an EMS service provider that is an approved CE provider may issue CEH for skills competency demonstrations to address any deficiencies identified by the service provider's QIP. Skills competency demonstration shall be conducted in accordance with the respective National Standard Curriculum skills outline or in accordance with the policies and procedures of the local EMS agency medical director.
- B. An individual may receive credit for taking the same CE course, class, or activity no more than two times during a single certification or licensure cycle.