## OHIO APPROVED EMS CURRICULUM STANDARDS



## **EMS Instructor Guidance**

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Preparatory	Uses simple knowledge of the EMS system, safety/well-being of the EMR, medical/legal issues at the scene of an emergency while awaiting a higher level of care.	Applies fundamental knowledge of the EMS system, safety/well-being of the EMT, medical/legal and ethical issues to the provision of emergency care.	Applies fundamental knowledge of the EMS system, safety/well-being of the AEMT, medical/legal and ethical issues to the provision of emergency care.	Integrates comprehensive knowledge of EMS systems, the safety/well-being of the paramedic, and medical/legal and ethical issues which is intended to improve the health of EMS personnel, patients, and the community.
EMS Systems	Simple depth, simple breadth  • EMS systems  • Roles/ responsibilities/ professionalism of EMS personnel  • Quality improvement	EMR Material PLUS: Simple depth, foundational breadth • EMS systems • History of EMS • Roles/ responsibilities/ professionalism of EMS personnel • Quality improvement • Patient safety	EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Quality improvement • Patient safety	AEMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • History of EMS  Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • EMS systems • Roles/ responsibilities/ professionalism of EMS personnel • Quality improvement • Patient safety
Research	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Impact of research on EMR care  • Data collection	EMR Material PLUS: Simple depth, simple breadth • Evidence-based decision making	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Research principles to interpret literature and advocate evidence-based practice
Workforce Safety and Wellness	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Standard safety precautions  • Personal protective equipment  • Stress management  • Dealing with death and dying  • Prevention of response related injuries  • Lifting and moving patients  • Disease transmission  • Wellness principles	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Standard safety precautions • Personal protective equipment • Stress management • Dealing with death and dying • Prevention of work related injuries • Lifting and moving patients • Disease transmission	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Provider safety and wellbeing Standard safety precautions Personal protective equipment Stress management Dealing with death and dying Prevention of work related injuries Lifting and moving patients Disease transmission

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Documentation	Simple depth, simple breadth • Recording patient findings	Wellness principles      EMR Material PLUS:     Fundamental depth,     foundational breadth     Principles of medical     documentation and report     writing	EMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, foundational breadth • Principles of medical documentation and report writing	Wellness principles     AEMT Material PLUS:     Complex depth, comprehensive breadth     Principles of medical documentation and report writing	
EMS System Communication	Simple depth, simple breadth Communication needed to  Call for Resources Transfer care of the patient Interact within the team structure	EMR Material PLUS: Simple depth, simple breadth • EMS communication system • Communication with other health care professionals • Team communication and dynamics	EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • EMS communication system • Communication with other health care professionals • Team communication and dynamics	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • EMS communication system • Communication with other health care professionals • Team communication and dynamics	
Therapeutic Communication	Simple depth, simple breadth Principles of communicating with patients in a manner that achieves a positive relationship • Interviewing techniques	EMR Material PLUS: Simple depth, simple breadth Principles of communicating with patients in a manner that achieves a positive relationship • Adjusting communication strategies for age, stage of development, patients with special needs, and differing cultures  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Interviewing techniques • Verbal defusing strategies • Family presence issues	EMT Material PLUS: Simple depth, simple breadth Principles of communicating with patients in a manner that achieves a positive relationship • Dealing with difficult patients	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Principles of communicating with patients in a manner that achieves a positive relationship • Factors that affect communication • Interviewing techniques • Dealing with difficult patients • Adjusting communication strategies for age, stage of development, patients with special needs, and differing cultures	
Medical/Legal and Ethics	Simple depth, simple breadth  Consent/refusal of care  Expressed vs implied consent  Confidentiality  Advanced directives  Tort and criminal actions  Evidence preservation  Statutory responsibilities	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Consent/refusal of care • Expressed vs implied consent • Advanced directives • Tort and criminal actions • Evidence preservation	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Consent/refusal of care Confidentiality Advanced directives Tort and criminal actions Statutory responsibilities	

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	<ul> <li>Do Not Resuscitate [DNR]         <ul> <li>(advance directives) and local or state provisions regarding EMS application.</li> <li>Ohio Do Not Resuscitate Comfort Care [DNRCC] laws or rules and their impact on EMS care.</li> <li>Recognizing and reporting abuse and neglect</li> <li>Ethical principles/moral obligations</li> <li>End-of-life issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Statutory responsibilities     Mandatory reporting     Ethical principles/moral obligations		Mandatory reporting     Health care regulation     Patient rights/advocacy     End-of-life Issues     Ethical principles/moral obligations     Ethical tests and decision making	
Anatomy and Physiology	Uses simple knowledge of the anatomy and function of the upper airway, heart, vessels, blood, lungs, skin, muscles, and bones as the foundation of emergency care.	Applies fundamental knowledge of the anatomy and function of all human systems to the practice of EMS.	Integrates complex knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of the airway, respiratory and circulatory systems to the practice of EMS.	Integrates a complex depth and comprehensive breadth of knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of all human systems	
Medical Terminology	Uses simple medical and anatomical terms.	Uses foundational anatomical and medical terms and abbreviations in written and oral communication with colleagues and other health care professionals.	Same as Previous Level	Integrates comprehensive anatomical and medical terminology and abbreviations into the written and oral communication with colleagues and other health care professionals.	
Pathophysiology	Uses simple knowledge of shock and respiratory compromise to respond to life threats.	Applies fundamental knowledge of the pathophysiology of respiration and perfusion to patient assessment and management.	Applies comprehensive knowledge of the pathophysiology of respiration and perfusion to patient assessment and management.	Integrates comprehensive knowledge of pathophysiology of major human systems.	
Life Span Development	Uses simple knowledge of age related differences to assess and care for patients.	Applies fundamental knowledge of life span development to patient assessment and management.	Same as Previous Level	Integrates comprehensive knowledge of life span development.	

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Public Health	Have an awareness of local public health resources and the role EMS personnel play in public health emergencies.	Uses simple knowledge of the principles of illness and injury prevention in emergency care.	Uses simple knowledge of the principles of the role of EMS during public health emergencies.	Applies fundamental knowledge of principles of public health and epidemiology including public health emergencies, health promotion, and illness and injury prevention.	
Pharmacology	Uses simple knowledge of the medications that the EMR may self-administer or administer to a peer in an emergency.	Applies fundamental knowledge of the medications that the EMT may assist/administer to a patient during an emergency.	Applies to patient assessment and management fundamental knowledge of the medications carried by AEMTs that may be administered to a patient during an emergency.		
Principles of Pharmacology	No knowledge related to this competency is applicable at this level.	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Medication safety  • Kinds of medications used during an emergency	EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundation breadth  • Medication safety  • Medication legislation  • Naming  • Classifications  • Storage and security  • Autonomic pharmacology  • Metabolism and excretion  • Mechanism of action  • Medication response relationships  • Medication interactions  • Toxicity	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth)  • Medication safety  • Medication legislation  • Naming  • Classifications  • Schedules  • Pharmacokinetics  • Storage and security  • Autonomic pharmacology  • Metabolism and excretion  • Mechanism of action  • Phases of medication activity  • Medication response relationships  • Medication interactions  • Toxicity	
Medication Administration	Simple depth, simple breadth Within the scope of practice of the EMR, how to • Self-administer medication • Peer-administer medication • Patient-assist auto-injector epinephrine to a patient	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Within the scope of practice of the EMT how to • Assist/administer medications to a patient	EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Routes of administration • Within the scope of practice of the AEMT, administer medications to a patient	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • Routes of administration • Within the scope of practice of the Paramedic, administer medications to a patient	

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Emergency Medications	Simple depth, simple breadth Within the scope of practice of the EMR • Names • Effects • Indications	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, simple breadth Within the scope of practice of the EMT • Names	EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Within the scope of practice of the AEMT • Names	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Within the scope of practice of the Paramedic • Names	
	Routes of administration     Dosages for the medications administered	<ul> <li>Actions</li> <li>Indications</li> <li>Contraindications</li> <li>Complications</li> <li>Routes of administration</li> <li>Side effects</li> <li>Interactions</li> <li>Dosages for the medications administered</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Actions</li> <li>Indications</li> <li>Contraindications</li> <li>Complications</li> <li>Routes of administration</li> <li>Side effects</li> <li>Interactions</li> <li>Dosages for the medications administered</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Actions</li> <li>Indications</li> <li>Contraindications</li> <li>Complications</li> <li>Routes of administration</li> <li>Side effects</li> <li>Interactions</li> <li>Dosages for the medications administered</li> </ul>	
Airway Management, Respiration and Artificial Ventilation	Applies knowledge (fundamental depth, foundational breadth) of general anatomy and physiology to assure a patent airway, adequate mechanical ventilation, and respiration while awaiting additional EMS response for patients of all ages.	Applies knowledge (fundamental depth, foundational breadth) of general anatomy and physiology to patient assessment and management in order to assure a patent airway, adequate mechanical ventilation, and respiration for patients of all ages.	Applies knowledge (fundamental depth, foundational breadth) of additional upper airway anatomy and physiology to patient assessment and management in order to assure a patent airway, adequate mechanical ventilation, and respiration for patients of all ages.	Integrates complex knowledge of anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology into the assessment to develop and implement a treatment plan with the goal of assuring a patent airway, adequate mechanical ventilation, and respiration for patients of all ages.	
Airway Management	Fundamental depth, simple breadth Within the scope of practice of the EMR • Airway anatomy • Airway assessment • Techniques of assuring a patent airway	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Within the scope of practice of the EMT • Airway anatomy • Airway assessment • Techniques of assuring a patent airway	EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Within the scope of practice of the AEMT • Airway anatomy • Airway assessment • Techniques of assuring a patent airway	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Within the scope of practice of the Paramedic • Airway anatomy • Airway assessment • Techniques of assuring a patent airway	

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Respiration	Fundamental depth, simple breadth  • Anatomy of the respiratory system  • Physiology and pathophysiology of respiration  • Pulmonary ventilation  • Oxygenation  • Respiration  • External  • Internal  • Cellular  • Assessment and management of adequate and inadequate respiration  • Supplemental oxygen therapy	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Anatomy of the respiratory system • Physiology and pathophysiology of respiration • Pulmonary ventilation • Oxygenation • Respiration • External • Internal • Cellular • Assessment and management of adequate and inadequate respiration • Supplemental oxygen therapy	EMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, foundational breadth  • Anatomy of the respiratory system  Fundamental depth, comprehensive breadth  • Physiology and pathophysiology of respiration  • Pulmonary ventilation  • Oxygenation  • Respiration  • External  • Internal  • Cellular  • Assessment and management of adequate and inadequate respiration  • Supplemental oxygen therapy	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Anatomy of the respiratory system • Physiology and pathophysiology of respiration • Pulmonary ventilation • Oxygenation • Respiration • External • Internal • Cellular • Assessment and management of adequate and inadequate respiration • Supplemental oxygen therapy	
Artificial Ventilation	Fundamental depth, simple breadth Assessment and management of adequate and inadequate ventilation • Artificial ventilation • Minute ventilation • Alveolar ventilation • Effect of artificial ventilation on cardiac output	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Assessment and management of adequate and inadequate ventilation • Artificial ventilation • Minute ventilation • Alveolar ventilation • Effect of artificial ventilation on cardiac output	EMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, foundational breadth Assessment and management of adequate and inadequate ventilation • Artificial ventilation • Minute ventilation • Alveolar ventilation • Effect of artificial ventilation on cardiac output	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Assessment and management of adequate and inadequate ventilation • Artificial ventilation • Minute ventilation • Alveolar ventilation • Effect of artificial ventilation on cardiac output	
Assessment	Use scene information and simple patient assessment findings to identify and manage immediate life threats and injuries within the scope of practice of the EMR.	Applies scene information and patient assessment findings (scene size up, primary and secondary assessment, patient history, and reassessment) to guide emergency management.	Same as Previous Level	Integrate scene and patient assessment findings with knowledge of epidemiology and pathophysiology to form a field impression. This includes developing a list of differential diagnoses through	

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				clinical reasoning to modify the assessment and formulate a treatment plan.	
Scene Size-Up	Complex depth, comprehensive breadth  • Scene safety  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth  • Scene management  • Impact of the environment on patient care  • Addressing hazards  • Violence  • Need for additional or specialized resources  • Standard precautions	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Scene management • Multiple patient situations	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth  • Scene management  • Impact of the environment on patient care  • Addressing hazards  • Violence  • Multiple patient situations	
Primary Assessment	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Primary assessment for all patient situations  • Level of consciousness  • ABCs  • Identifying life threats  • Assessment of vital functions  • Begin interventions needed to preserve life	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, simple breadth • Primary assessment for all patient situations • Initial general impression • Level of consciousness • ABCs • Identifying life threats • Assessment of vital functions • Integration of treatment/ procedures needed to preserve life	EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Primary assessment for all patient situations • Initial general impression • Level of consciousness • ABCs • Identifying life threats • Assessment of vital functions • Integration of treatment/ procedures needed to preserve life	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • Primary assessment for all patient situations □ Initial general impression □ Level of consciousness □ ABCs □ Identifying life threats □ Assessment of vital functions • Integration of treatment/ procedures needed to preserve life	
History Taking	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Determining the chief complaint  • Mechanism of injury/nature of illness  • Associated signs and symptoms	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Investigation of the chief complaint • Mechanism of injury/nature of illness • Past medical history • Associated signs and	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • Components of the patient history • Interviewing techniques • How to integrate therapeutic communication techniques and adapt the line of inquiry	

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		symptoms • Pertinent negatives		based on findings and presentation		
Secondary Assessment	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Performing a rapid full body scan  • Focused assessment of pain  • Assessment of vital signs	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Techniques of physical examination • Respiratory system • Presence of breath sounds • Cardiovascular system • Neurological system • Musculoskeletal system • All anatomical regions	EMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, foundational breadth Assessment of Lung sounds	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Techniques of physical examination for all major • Body systems • Anatomical regions		
Monitoring Devices	Simple depth, simple breadth Within the scope of practice of the EMR  • Obtaining and using information from patient monitoring devices including (but not limited to):  • Pulse oximetry  • Non-invasive blood pressure	EMR Material PLUS: Within the scope of practice of the EMT  • 12 lead ECG set-up and application for electronic transmission  • End tidal carbon dioxide monitoring and detection	EMT Material PLUS: Within the scope of practice of the AEMT Simple depth, simple breadth • Obtaining and using information from patient monitoring devices including (but not limited to):  • Blood glucose determination	AEMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Within the scope of practice of the Paramedic • Obtaining and using information from patient monitoring devices including (but not limited to):  " Continuous ECG monitoring " 12 lead ECG interpretation " Basic blood chemistry		
Reassessment	Simple depth, simple breadth  • How and when to reassess patients	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • How and when to perform a reassessment for all patient situations	Same as Previous Levels	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • How and when to perform a reassessment for all patient situations		
Medicine	Recognizes and manages life threats based on assessment findings of a patient with a	Applies fundamental knowledge to provide basic emergency care and	Applies fundamental knowledge to provide basic and selected advanced	Integrates assessment findings with principles of epidemiology and		

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	medical emergency while awaiting additional emergency response.	transportation based on assessment findings for an acutely ill patient.	emergency care and transportation based on assessment findings for an acutely ill patient.	pathophysiology to formulate a field impression and implement a comprehensive treatment/disposition plan for a patient with a medical complaint.
Medical Overview	Simple depth, simple breadth Assessment and management of a medical complaint	EMR Material PLUS: Simple depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of a medical complaints to include • Transport mode • Destination decisions	EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of a medical complaints to include • Transport mode • Destination decisions	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of medical complaints to include • Transport mode • Destination decisions
Neurology	Simple depth, simple breadth Anatomy, presentations, and management of • Decreased level of responsiveness • Seizure • Stroke	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment and management of • Stroke/ transient ischemic attack • Seizure • Status epilepticus • Headache	EMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, foundational breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment and management of • Seizure	AEMT Material PLUS: Anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, and management of Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • Stroke/intracranial hemorrhage/transient ischemic attack • Seizure • Status epilepticus • Headache  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Dementia • Neoplasms • Demyelinating disorders • Parkinson's disease • Cranial nerve disorders • Movement disorders • Neurologic inflammation/ infection

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				Spinal cord compression     Hydrocephalus     Wernicke's encephalopathy
Abdominal and Gastrointestinal Disorders	Simple depth, simple breadth Anatomy, presentations and management of shock associated with abdominal emergencies • Gastrointestinal bleeding	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Acute and chronic gastrointestinal hemorrhage  Simple depth, simple breadth • Peritonitis • Ulcerative diseases	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material PLUS: Anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, and management of Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • Acute and chronic gastrointestinal hemorrhage • Liver disorders • Peritonitis • Ulcerative diseases  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Irritable bowel syndrome • Inflammatory disorders • Pancreatitis • Bowel obstruction • Hernias • Infectious disorders • Gall bladder and biliary tract disorders  Simple depth, simple breadth • Rectal abscess • Rectal foreign body obstruction • Mesenteric ischemia
Immunology	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition and management of shock and difficulty breathing related to • Anaphylactic reactions	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment, and management of hypersensitivity disorders and/or	EMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment, and management of hypersensitivity disorders and/or	AEMT Material PLUS: Anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, and management of common or major immune system disorders

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	emergencies • Anaphylactic reactions	emergencies • Allergic and anaphylactic reactions	and/or emergencies Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • Hypersensitivity • Allergic and anaphylactic reactions • Anaphylactoid reactions  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Collagen vascular disease • Transplant related problems	
Simple depth, simple breadth Awareness of  • A patient who may have an infectious disease  • How to decontaminate equipment after treating a patient	EMR Material PLUS: Simple depth, simple breadth Assessment and management of • A patient who may have an infectious disease • How to decontaminate the ambulance and equipment after treating a patient	EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Assessment and management of • A patient who may be infected with a blood-borne pathogen • HIV • Hepatitis B • Antibiotic resistant infections • Current infectious diseases prevalent in the community	AEMT Material PLUS: Anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, reporting requirements, prognosis, and management of Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • HIV-related disease • Hepatitis • Pneumonia • Meningococcal meningitis  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Tuberculosis • Tetanus • Viral diseases • Sexually transmitted disease • Gastroenteritis • Fungal infections • Rabies • Scabies and lice • Lyme disease • Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever • Antibiotic resistant infections	
Simple depth, simple breadth	EMR Material PLUS:	EMT Material PLUS:	<b>AEMT Material PLUS:</b>	
	Simple depth, simple breadth Awareness of • A patient who may have an infectious disease • How to decontaminate equipment after treating a patient	Simple depth, simple breadth Awareness of  • A patient who may have an infectious disease  • How to decontaminate equipment after treating a patient  EMR Material PLUS: Simple depth, simple breadth Assessment and management of • A patient who may have an infectious disease • How to decontaminate the ambulance and equipment after treating a patient	Simple depth, simple breadth Awareness of  • A patient who may have an infectious disease  • How to decontaminate equipment after treating a patient  EMR Material PLUS: Simple depth, simple breadth Assensement and management of of a patient who may have an infectious disease  • How to decontaminate equipment after treating a patient  EMR Material PLUS: Simple depth, simple breadth Assensement and management of of a patient who may have an infectious disease  • How to decontaminate equipment after treating a patient  EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth A patient who may have an infectious disease  • How to decontaminate the ambulance and equipment after treating a patient  EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth A patient who may be infected with a blood-borne pathogen  • HIV  • Hepatitis B • Antibiotic resistant infections • Current infectious diseases prevalent in the community	

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Disorders	Awareness that  • Diabetic emergencies cause altered mental status	Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment and management of • Acute diabetic emergencies	Complex depth, foundational breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment and management of • Acute diabetic emergencies	Anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, and management of Complex depth, comprehensive breadth  • Acute diabetic emergencies  • Diabetes  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth  • Adrenal disease  • Pituitary and thyroid disorders	
Psychiatric	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition of  • Behaviors that pose a risk to the EMR, patient or others	EMR Material PLUS: Simple depth, simple breadth • Basic principles of the mental health system  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Assessment and management of • Acute psychosis • Suicidal/risk • Agitated delirium	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material PLUS: Anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, and management of Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • Acute psychosis • Agitated delirium  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Cognitive disorders • Thought disorders • Mood disorders • Neurotic disorders • Neurotic disorders • Substance-related disorders / addictive behavior • Somatoform disorders • Factitious disorders • Personality disorders • Patterns of violence/ abuse/neglect • Organic psychoses	

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Cardiovascular	Simple depth, simple breadth Anatomy, signs, symptoms and management • Chest pain • Cardiac arrest	EMR Material PLUS: Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment, and management of Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Acute coronary syndrome	EMT Material PLUS: Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment, and management of Complex depth, foundational breadth • Acute coronary syndrome • Angina pectoris • Myocardial infarction  Fundamental depth, simple breadth • Heart failure • Hypertensive emergencies	AEMT Material PLUS: Anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, and management of Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • Acute coronary syndrome • Angina pectoris • Myocardial infarction • Heart failure • Non-traumatic cardiac tamponade • Hypertensive emergencies • Cardiogenic shock • Vascular disorders • Abdominal aortic aneurysm • Arterial occlusion • Venous thrombosis • Aortic aneurysm/dissection, • Thromboembolism • Cardiac rhythm disturbances  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Infectious diseases of the heart • Endocarditis • Pericarditis • Congenital abnormalities	
Toxicology	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Recognition and management of  • Carbon monoxide poisoning  • Nerve agent poisoning  • How and when to contact a poison control center	EMR Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Inhaled poisons • Ingested poisons • Injected poisons • Absorbed poisons	EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Opiate toxidrome	AEMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, and management of the following toxidromes and poisonings:  • Cholinergics	

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		Alcohol intoxication and withdrawal		<ul> <li>Anticholinergics</li> <li>Sympathomimetics</li> <li>Sedative/hypnotics</li> <li>Opiates</li> <li>Alcohol intoxication and withdrawal</li> <li>Over-the-counter and prescription medications</li> <li>Carbon monoxide</li> <li>Illegal drugs</li> <li>Herbal preparations</li> </ul>	
Respiratory	Simple depth, simple breadth Anatomy, signs, symptoms and management of respiratory emergencies including those that affect the • Upper airway • Lower airway	EMR Material PLUS: Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment, and management of Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Epiglottitis • Spontaneous pneumothorax • Pulmonary edema • Asthma • Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease • Environmental/industrial exposure • Toxic gas  Simple depth, simple breadth • Pertussis • Cystic fibrosis • Pulmonary embolism • Pneumonia • Viral respiratory infections	EMT Material PLUS: Complex depth, foundational breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Asthma • Obstructive/restrictive disease • Pneumonia	AEMT Material PLUS: Anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, management of Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • Acute upper airway infections • Spontaneous pneumothorax • Obstructive/restrictive lung diseases • Pulmonary infections  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Neoplasm • Pertussis • Cystic fibrosis	
Hematology	No knowledge related to this competency is applicable at this level.	Simple depth, simple breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Sickle cell crisis • Clotting disorders	EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment and management of • Sickle cell crisis	AEMT Material PLUS: Anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, and management of common or major hematological diseases and/or emergencies	

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Genitourinary/Renal	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Blood pressure assessment in hemodialysis patients	EMR Material PLUS: Simple depth, simple breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Complications related to • Renal dialysis • Urinary catheter management (not insertion) • Kidney stones	EMT Material PLUS: Fundamental depth, simple breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Complications related to renal dialysis • Kidney stones	Complex depth, foundational breadth  Sickle cell disease  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Blood transfusion complications Hemostatic disorders Lymphomas Red blood cell disorders White blood cell disorders Coagulopathies  AEMT Material Plus: Anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, and management of Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Complications of Acute renal failure Chronic renal failure Chronic renal failure Thindamental depth, foundational breadth Acid base disturbances Fluid and electrolyte Infection	
Gynecology	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition and management of shock associated with • Vaginal bleeding	EMR Material Plus: Anatomy, physiology, assessment findings, and management of Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Vaginal bleeding • Sexual assault (to include	Same as Previous Level	Male genital tract conditions     AEMT Material Plus:     Anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, and management of common or major gynecological diseases and/or emergencies	

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		appropriate emotional support)  Simple depth, simple breadth  • Infections		Complex depth, comprehensive breadth  • Vaginal bleeding  • Sexual assault  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth  • Infections  • Pelvic Inflammatory Disease  • Ovarian cysts  • Dysfunctional uterine bleeding  • Vaginal foreign body
Non-Traumatic Musculoskeletal Disorders	No knowledge related to this competency is applicable at this level	Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, assessment and management of • Non-traumatic fractures	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundation breadth Anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, and management of common or major non-traumatic musculoskeletal disorders • Disorders of the spine • Joint abnormalities • Muscle abnormalities • Overuse syndromes
Diseases of the Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Throat	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition and management of • Nose bleed	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Knowledge of anatomy, physiology, epidemiology, pathophysiology, psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, management of • Common or major diseases of the eyes, ears, nose, and throat, including nose bleed
Shock and Resuscitation	Uses assessment information to recognize shock, respiratory	Applies fundamental knowledge of the causes,	Applies fundamental knowledge to provide basic	Integrates a comprehensive knowledge of the causes and
Resuscitation	to recognize snock, respiratory	knowledge of the causes,	knowledge to provide basic	knowledge of the causes and

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	failure or arrest, and cardiac arrest based on assessment findings and manages the emergency while awaiting additional emergency response.	pathophysiology, and management of shock, respiratory failure or arrest, cardiac failure or arrest, and post resuscitation management.	and selected advanced emergency care and transportation based on assessment findings for a patient in shock, respiratory failure or arrest, cardiac failure or arrest, and post resuscitation management. Integrates comprehensive knowledge of causes and pathophysiology into the management of cardiac arrest and peri-arrest states.	pathophysiology into the management of shock, respiratory failure or arrest with an emphasis on early intervention to prevent arrest.	
Trauma	Uses simple knowledge to recognize and manage life threats based on assessment findings for an acutely injured patient while awaiting additional emergency medical response.	Applies fundamental knowledge to provide basic emergency care and transportation based on assessment findings for an acutely injured patient.	Applies fundamental knowledge to provide basic and selected advanced emergency care and transportation based on assessment findings for an acutely injured patient.	Integrates assessment findings with principles of epidemiology and pathophysiology to formulate a field impression to implement a comprehensive treatment/disposition plan for an acutely injured patient.	
Trauma Overview	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Rapid transport and destination issues	Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of the trauma patient • Trauma scoring • Rapid transport and destination issues • Transport mode	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material Plus: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Pathophysiology, assessment and management of the trauma patient • Trauma scoring • Transport and destination issues	
Bleeding	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition and management of • Bleeding	EMR Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Bleeding	EMT Material Plus: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • Fluid resuscitation	AEMT Material Plus: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Bleeding	
Chest Trauma	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition and management of • Blunt versus penetrating mechanisms	EMR Material Plus: Fundamental depth, simple breadth Pathophysiology, assessment	EMT Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment	AEMT Material Plus: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Pathophysiology, assessment,	

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	Open chest wound Impaled object Pneumothorax Open Simple	and management  • Blunt versus penetrating mechanisms  • Hemothorax  • Pneumothorax  • Open  • Simple  • Tension  • Cardiac tamponade  • Rib fractures  • Flail chest  • Commotio cordis	and management of  Traumatic aortic disruption  Pulmonary contusion  Blunt cardiac injury  Hemothorax  Pneumothorax  Open  Simple  Tension  Cardiac tamponade  Rib fractures  Flail chest  Commotio cordis  Traumatic asphyxia	and management of  Traumatic aortic disruption  Pulmonary contusion  Blunt cardiac injury  Hemothorax  Pneumothorax  Open  Simple  Tension  Cardiac tamponade  Rib fractures  Flail chest  Commotio cordis  Tracheobronchial disruption  Diaphragmatic rupture  Traumatic asphyxia	
Abdominal and Genitourinary Trauma	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition and management of • Blunt versus penetrating mechanisms • Evisceration • Impaled object	EMR Material Plus: Fundamental depth, simple breadth Pathophysiology, assessment and management of • Solid and hollow organ injuries • Blunt versus penetrating mechanisms • Evisceration • Injuries to the external genitalia • Vaginal bleeding due to trauma • Sexual assault	EMT Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Vascular injury • Solid and hollow organ injuries • Blunt versus penetrating mechanisms • Evisceration • Retroperitoneal injuries • Injuries to the external genitalia • Vaginal bleeding due to trauma • Sexual assault	AEMT Material Plus: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Vascular injury • Solid and hollow organ injuries • Blunt versus penetrating mechanisms • Evisceration • Retroperitoneal injuries • Injuries to the external genitalia	
Orthopedic Trauma	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition and management of Open fractures Closed fractures Dislocations Amputations	EMR Material Plus: Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Upper and lower extremity orthopedic trauma • Open fractures	EMT Material Plus: Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of Simple depth, simple breadth • Compartment syndrome  Complex depth, foundational breadth	AEMT Material Plus: Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Pediatric fractures • Tendon laceration/ transection/ rupture (Achilles	

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		Closed fractures     Dislocations     Sprains/strains     Pelvic fractures     Amputations/replantation	Pelvic fractures     Amputations/replantation	and patellar)  • Compartment syndrome  Complex depth, foundational breadth  • Upper and lower extremity orthopedic trauma  • Open fractures  • Closed fractures  • Dislocations	
Soft Tissue Trauma	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition and management of  • Wounds  • Burns  • Electrical  • Chemical  • Thermal  • Chemicals in the eye and on the skin	EMR Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management  • Wounds  • Avulsions  • Bite wounds  • Lacerations  • Puncture wounds  • Incisions  • Burns  • Electrical  • Chemical  • Thermal  • Radiation  Simple depth, simple breadth  • Crush syndrome	EMT Material Plus: Fundamental depth, simple breadth • Crush syndrome	AEMT Material Plus: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Wounds • Avulsions • Bite wounds • Lacerations • Puncture wounds • Burns • Electrical • Chemical • Thermal • High-pressure injection • Crush syndrome	
Head, Facial, Neck, and Spine trauma	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition and management of • Life threats • Head and spine trauma • Mechanism of injury	EMR Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Penetrating neck trauma • Laryngeotracheal injuries • Spine trauma  Simple depth, simple breadth • Facial fractures • Skull fractures	EMT Material Plus: Complex depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Facial fractures • Laryngeotracheal injuries	AEMT Material Plus: Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Unstable facial fractures • Orbital fractures • Perforated tympanic membrane  Complex depth, comprehensive breadth	

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		Foreign bodies in the eyes     Dental trauma		Skull fractures     Penetrating neck trauma     Laryngeotracheal injuries     Spine trauma     Dislocations/subluxations     Fractures     Sprains/strains     Mandibular fractures	
Nervous System Trauma	No knowledge related to this competency is applicable at this level.	Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Traumatic brain injury • Spinal cord injury	EMT Material Plus: Complex depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Traumatic brain injury	AEMT Material Plus: Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Cauda equina syndrome • Nerve root injury • Peripheral nerve injury  Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • Traumatic brain injury • Spinal cord injury • Spinal shock	
Special Considerations in Trauma	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition and management of trauma in • Pregnant patient • Pediatric patient • Geriatric patient	EMR Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of trauma in the • Pregnant patient • Pediatric patient • Geriatric patient • Cognitively impaired patient	EMT Material Plus: Complex depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of trauma in the • Pregnant patient • Pediatric patient • Geriatric patient • Cognitively impaired patient	AEMT Material Plus: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of trauma in the • Pregnant patient • Pediatric patient • Geriatric patient • Cognitively impaired patient	
Environmental Emergencies	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition and management of • Water and ice injury • Temperature-related illness	EMR Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Near drowning • Temperature-related illness • Bites and envenomations • Dysbarism	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material Plus: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of • Near-drowning • Temperature-related illness • Bites and envenomations • Dysbarism	

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Multi-System Trauma	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition and management of • Multi-system trauma	<ul> <li>High-altitude</li> <li>Diving injuries</li> <li>Electrical injury</li> <li>Radiation exposure</li> <li>EMR Material Plus:</li> <li>Fundamental depth,</li> <li>foundational breadth</li> <li>Pathophysiology, assessment,</li> <li>and management of</li> <li>Multi-system trauma</li> <li>Blast injuries</li> </ul>	EMT Material Plus: Complex depth, foundational breadth Pathophysiology, assessment and management of • Multi-system trauma	<ul> <li>High-altitude</li> <li>Diving injuries</li> <li>Electrical injury</li> <li>High altitude illness</li> <li>AEMT Material Plus:         <ul> <li>Complex depth, comprehensive breadth</li> <li>Pathophysiology, assessment, and management of</li> <li>Multi-system trauma</li> <li>Blast injuries</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Special Patient Populations	Recognizes and manages life threats based on simple assessment findings for a patient with special needs while awaiting additional emergency response.	Applies a fundamental knowledge of growth, development, and aging and assessment findings to provide basic emergency care and transportation for a patient with special needs.	Applies a fundamental knowledge of growth, development, and aging and assessment findings to provide basic and selected advanced emergency care and transportation for a patient with special needs.	Integrates assessment findings with principles of pathophysiology and knowledge of psychosocial needs to formulate a field impression and implement a comprehensive treatment/disposition plan for patients with special needs.	
Obstetrics	Simple depth, simple breadth Recognition and management of  Normal delivery  Vaginal bleeding in the pregnant patient  Assessment of the pregnant patient  Management of normal delivery  Recognition of abnormal delivery  Placenta previa  Spontaneous abortion/miscarriage	EMR Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Anatomy and physiology of normal pregnancy • Pathophysiology of complications of pregnancy • Assessment of the pregnant patient • Management of • Normal delivery • Abnormal delivery • Nuchal cord • Prolapsed cord • Breech delivery • Third trimester bleeding • Placenta previa • Abruptio placenta • Spontaneous abortion/miscarriage	Same as Previous	Level AEMT Material Plus: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth  • Anatomy and physiology of normal pregnancy  • Pathophysiology of complications of pregnancy  • Assessment of the pregnant patient  • Psychosocial impact, presentations, prognosis, and management of  • Normal delivery  • Abnormal delivery  • Nuchal cord  • Prolapsed cord  • Breech delivery  • Spontaneous abortion/miscarriage  • Ectopic pregnancy	

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		Ectopic pregnancy     Preeclampsia/Eclampsia		<ul> <li>Eclampsia</li> <li>Antepartum hemorrhage</li> <li>Pregnancy induced hypertension</li> <li>Third trimester bleeding</li> <li>Placenta previa</li> <li>Abruptio placenta</li> <li>High risk pregnancy</li> <li>Complications of labor</li> <li>Fetal distress</li> <li>Pre-term</li> <li>Premature rupture of membranes</li> <li>Rupture of uterus</li> <li>Complication of delivery</li> <li>Post partum complications</li> <li>Foundational depth, foundational breadth</li> </ul>	
Neonatal care	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Newborn care  • Neonatal resuscitation	EMR Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Assessment and management • Newborn • Neonatal resuscitation	Same as Previous Level	Hyperemesis gravidarum     Post partum depression      AEMT Material Plus:     Complex depth, comprehensive breadth     Anatomy and physiology of neonatal circulation     Assessment of the newborn presentation and management     Newborn     Neonatal resuscitation	
Pediatrics	Simple depth, simple breadth Age-related assessment findings, and age-related assessment and treatment modifications for pediatric specific major diseases and/or emergencies • Upper airway obstruction • Lower airway reactive disease • Respiratory distress/failure/arrest	EMR Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Age-related assessment findings, age-related, and developmental stage related assessment and treatment modifications for pediatric specific major diseases and/or emergencies • Upper airway obstruction	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material Plus: Age-related assessment findings, age-related anatomic and physiologic variations, age- related and developmental stage related assessment and treatment modifications of the pediatric specific major or common diseases and/or emergencies:	

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	• Shock • Seizures • Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	Lower airway reactive disease     Respiratory distress/failure/arrest     Shock     Seizures     Sudden Infant Death Syndrome     Gastrointestinal disease		Complex depth, comprehensive breadth  • Foreign body (upper and lower) airway obstruction  • Bacterial tracheitis  • Asthma  • Bronchiolitis  • Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)  • Pneumonia  • Croup  • Epiglottitis  • Respiratory distress/failure/arrest  • Shock  • Seizures  • Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)  • Hyperglycemia  • Hypoglycemia  • Hypoglycemia  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth  • Pertussis  • Cystic fibrosis  • Bronchopulmonary dysplasia  • Congenital heart diseases  • Hydrocephalus and ventricular shunts
Geriatrics	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Impact of age-related changes on assessment and care	EMR Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Changes associated with aging, psychosocial aspects of aging and age-related assessment and treatment modifications for the major or common geriatric diseases and/or emergencies Cardiovascular diseases Respiratory diseases Neurological diseases	EMT Material Plus: Complex depth, foundational breadth • Fluid resuscitation in the elderly	AEMT Material Plus: Normal and abnormal changes associated with aging, pharmacokinetic changes, psychosocial and economic aspects of aging, polypharmacy, and age-related assessment and treatment modifications for the major or common geriatric diseases and/or emergencies Complex depth, comprehensive breadth

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Patients with Special Challenges	Simple depth, simple breadth • Recognizing and reporting abuse and neglect	• Endocrine diseases • Alzheimer's • Dementia  EMR Material Plus: Simple depth, simple breadth Healthcare implications of • Abuse • Neglect • Homelessness • Poverty • Bariatrics • Technology dependent • Hospice/ terminally ill • Tracheostomy care/dysfunction • Homecare • Sensory deficit/loss • Developmental disability	EMT Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth Healthcare implications of • Abuse • Neglect • Homelessness • Poverty • Bariatrics • Technology dependent • Hospice/ terminally ill • Tracheostomy care/dysfunction • Homecare • Sensory deficit/loss • Developmental disability	• Cardiovascular diseases • Respiratory diseases • Neurological diseases • Endocrine diseases • Alzheimer's • Dementia • Delirium • Acute confusional state  Fundamental depth, foundational breadth • Herpes zoster • Inflammatory arthritis  AEMT Material Plus: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth Healthcare implications of • Abuse • Neglect • Poverty • Bariatrics • Technology dependent • Hospice/ terminally ill • Tracheostomy care/ dysfunction
EMS Operations	Knowledge of operational roles and responsibilities to ensure safe patient, public, and personnel safety	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level
Principles of Safely Operating a Ground Ambulance	Simple depth, simple breadth • Risks and responsibilities of emergency response	EMR Material Plus: Simple depth, foundational breadth • Risks and responsibilities of transport	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level
Incident Management	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Establish and work within the incident management	EMR Material Plus: Fundamental depth, foundational breadth	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material Plus: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth

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	system	Establish and work within the incident management system		Establish and work within the incident management system		
Multiple Casualty Incidents	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Triage principles  • Resource management	EMR Material Plus: Simple depth, foundational breadth Triage Performing Re-Triage Destination Decisions Post Traumatic and Cumulative Stress	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level		
Air Medical	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Safe air medical operations  • Criteria for utilizing air medical response	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	AEMT Material Plus: Complex depth, comprehensive breadth • Medical risks/needs/advantages		
Vehicle Extrication	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Safe vehicle extrication  • Use of simple hand tools	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level		
Hazardous Materials Awareness	Simple depth, simple breadth  • Risks and responsibilities of operating in a cold zone at a hazardous material or other special incident	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level		
Mass Casualty Incidents due to Terrorism and Disaster (this section subject to ongoing collective and cooperative review and input from all stakeholders including the Department of Transportation, Department of Homeland Security	Simple depth, simple breadth  Risks and responsibilities of operating on the scene of a natural or man- made disaster	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level		

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and the Department of Health and Human Services)					
		Clinical Behavior/Judgme	nt		
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Assessment	Perform a simple assessment to identify life threats, identify injuries requiring immobilization and conditions requiring treatment within the scope of practice of the EMR: including foreign substance in the eyes and nerve agent poisoning.	Perform a basic history and physical examination to identify acute complaints and monitor changes.  Identify the actual and potential complaints of emergency patients.	Perform a basic history and physical examination to identify acute complaints and monitor changes.  Identify the actual and potential complaints of emergency patients.	Perform a comprehensive history and physical examination to identify factors affecting the health and health needs of a patient.  Formulate a field impression based on an analysis of comprehensive assessment findings, anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, and epidemiology.  Relate assessment findings to underlying pathological and physiological changes in the patient's condition.  Integrate and synthesize the multiple determinants of health and clinical care.  Perform health screening and referals.	
Therapeutic communication and cultural competency	Communicates to obtain and clearly transmit information with an awareness of cultural differences.	Communicate in a culturally sensitive manner.	Communicate in a culturally sensitive manner.	Effectively communicate in a manner that is culturally sensitive and intended to improve the patient outcome.	
Psychomotor Skills	Safely and effectively perform psychomotor skills within the National EMS Scope of Practice Model and the Ohio Scope of Practice at this level.	Safely and effectively perform psychomotor skills within the National EMS Scope of Practice Model and the Ohio Scope of Practice at this level.	Safely and effectively perform psychomotor skills within the National EMS Scope of Practice Model and the Ohio Scope of Practice at this level.	Safely and effectively perform psychomotor skills within the National EMS Scope of Practice Model and the Ohio Scope of Practice at this level.	

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Preparatory	Airway and Breathing	Airway and Breathing	Airway and Breathing	
Body substance isolation	<ul> <li>Orotracheal intubation of</li> </ul>	Orotracheal intubation of apneic	<ul> <li>Oral and nasal endotracheal</li> </ul>	
precaution/administration	pulseless and apneic patients	patients with endotracheal	intubation	
Trauma Triage determination	with extraglottic or multi-lumen	device	Percutaneous cricothyrotomy	
per OAC 4765-14-02	device	Esophageal-tracheal	Pleural decompression	
	• Endotracheal suctioning through	• Tracheal-bronchial suctioning of	• BiPAP, PEEP	
Airway and Breathing	a stoma	an already intubated patient	Chest tube monitoring	
Basic Airway Maneuvers	Positive pressure ventilation	• Tracheostomy tube replacement	NG/OG tube	
Head-tilt, chin-lift	Manually-triggered ventilators	and suctioning		
• Jaw thrust	Automatic transport ventilators	• FBAO – direct laryngoscopy	Assessment	
Modified chin lift	Supplemental oxygen therapy		• ECG interpretation	
• FBAO relief - manual	CPAP Administration and	Pharmacologic interventions	• 12-lead interpretation	
Oropharyngeal airway	management	Establish and maintain	Blood chemistry analysis	
Sellick's maneuver	• ETCO2 monitoring and	peripheral intravenous access		
Positive pressure ventilation	detection	Intraosseous insertion	Pharmacologic interventions	
devices such as BVM	Humidifiers	Intravenous maintenance and	Intraosseous insertion	
Oropharyngeal airway adjunct	Manually-triggered ventilators	fluid administration	Enteral and parenteral	
Nasopharyngeal airway adjunct	Automatic transport ventilators	Sublingual nitroglycerin	administration of approved	
Suction of the upper airway	Partial-rebreather mask	Dextrose in water	prescription medications	
Supplemental oxygen	Venturi mask	Subcutaneous or intramuscular	Access indwelling catheters	
therapy		epinephrine 1:1000	and implanted central IV ports	
Nasal cannula	Assessment	• Diphenhydramine	Medications by IV infusion	
Non-rebreather mask	Blood glucose monitor	Benzodiazepines	Maintain infusion of blood or	
	Automatic B/P	• Broncodilators	blood products	
Assessment		Naloxone	Blood sampling	
Manual B/P	Pharmacologic interventions	• Glucagon	Thrombolytic initiation	
	Assist patients in taking their	Nitrous oxide	Administer physician	
Pharmacologic interventions	own prescribed medications	Nalbuphine	approved medications	
• Unit-dose auto-injectors	Administration of OTC	• Lidocaine, for pain relief after	N. 11 1/2 11	
(lifesaving	medications with medical	intraosseous insertion	Medical/Cardiac care	
medications intended	oversight	• Narcotics or other analgesics for	• Cardioversion	
for self or peer rescue in	Oral glucose administration	pain relief	• Transcutaneous pacing	
hazardous materials	• Aspirin for chest pain	Any additional drug approved	Carotid massage	
situation, nerve agent	• 12-lead EKG set-up and	by the EMS Board		
antidote kit)	application for electronic	Medical/Cardiac care	Trauma care	
W 11 1/G 11	transmission	Manual defibrillation	Morgan lens	
Medical/Cardiac care	W E VG E	Cardiac monitor strip		
• Manual CPR	Medical/Cardiac care	interpretation		
• AED	Mechanical CPR	Bradycardia		
Assisted normal delivery	Assisted complicated delivery	Sinus tachycardia		
		<ul> <li>Ventricular tachycardia</li> </ul>		

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	Trauma care  • Manual stabilization  • C-spine injuries  • Spinal immobilization  • Cervical collars  • Seated  • Long board  • Short board  • Splinting  • Soft Tissue Management  • Extremity fractures  • Bleeding control  • Emergency moves  • Eye irrigation  Special Patient Populations  • Emergency childbirth  management	Trauma care	Ventricular fibrillation     Asytole     Artifact  Trauma care     Needle decompression of the chest			
				Anticipate and prospectively intervene to improve patient outcome.		
Professionalism	Demonstrate professional behavior including: but not limited to, integrity, empathy, self-motivation, appearance/personal hygiene, self-confidence, communications, time management, teamwork/diplomacy, respect, patient advocacy, and careful delivery of service.	Demonstrate professional behavior including: but not limited to, integrity, empathy, self-motivation, appearance/personal hygiene, self-confidence, communications, time management, teamwork /diplomacy, respect, patient advocacy, and careful delivery of service.	Demonstrate professional behavior including: but not limited to, integrity, empathy, self-motivation, appearance/personal hygiene, self-confidence, communications, time management, teamwork/diplomacy, respect, patient advocacy, and careful delivery of service.	Is a role model of exemplary professional behavior including: but not limited to, integrity, empathy, self-motivation, appearance/personal hygiene, self-confidence, communications, time management, teamwork /diplomacy, respect, patient advocacy, and careful delivery of service.		
Decision Making	Initiates simple interventions based on assessment findings.	Initiates basic interventions based on assessment findings intended to mitigate the emergency and provide limited symptom relief while providing access to definitive care.	Initiates basic and selected advanced interventions based on assessment findings intended to mitigate the emergency and provide limited symptom relief while providing access to definitive care.	Performs basic and advanced interventions as part of a treatment plan intended to mitigate the emergency, provide symptom relief, and improve the overall health of the patient.  Evaluates the effectiveness of interventions and modifies		

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	ZIVIII.	23,111	1121/11	treatment plan accordingly.
Record Keeping	Record simple assessment findings and interventions	Report and document assessment data and interventions.	Report and document assessment findings and interventions.	Report and document assessment findings and interventions. Collect and report data to be used for epidemiological and research purposes.
Patient Complaints	Perform a patient assessment and provide prehospital emergency care for patient complaints: abdominal pain, abuse/neglect, altered mental status/decreased level of consciousness, apnea, back pain, behavioral emergency, bleeding, cardiac arrest, chest pain, cyanosis, dyspnea, eye pain, GI bleeding, hypotension, multiple trauma, pain, paralysis, poisoning, shock, and stridor/drooling.	Perform a patient assessment and provide prehospital emergency care and transportation for patient complaints: abdominal pain, abuse/neglect, altered mental status/decreased level of consciousness, anxiety, apnea, ataxia, back pain, behavioral emergency, bleeding, cardiac arrest, cardiac rhythm disturbances, chest pain, constipation, cyanosis, dehydration, diarrhea, dizziness/vertigo, dysphasia, dyspnea, edema, eye pain, fatigue, fever, GI bleeding, headache, hematuria, hemoptysis, hypertension, hypotension, joint pain/swelling, multiple trauma, nausea/vomiting, pain, paralysis, pediatric crying/fussiness, poisoning, rash, rectal pain, shock, sore throat, stridor/drooling, syncope, urinary retention, visual disturbances, weakness, and wheezing.	Perform a patient assessment and provide prehospital emergency care and transportation for patient complaints: abdominal pain, abuse/neglect, altered mental status/decreased level of consciousness, anxiety, apnea, ataxia, back pain, behavioral emergency, bleeding, cardiac arrest, cardiac rhythm disturbances, chest pain, constipation, cyanosis, dehydration, diarrhea, dizziness/vertigo, dysphasia, dyspnea, edema, eye pain, fatigue, fever, GI bleeding, headache, hematuria, hemoptysis, hypertension, hypotension, joint pain/swelling, multiple trauma, nausea/vomiting, pain, paralysis, pediatric crying/fussiness, poisoning, rash, rectal pain, shock, sore throat, stridor/drooling, syncope, urinary retention, visual disturbances, weakness, and wheezing.	Perform a patient assessment, develop a treatment and disposition plan for patients with the following complains: abdominal pain, abuse/neglect, altered mental status/decreased level of consciousness, anxiety, apnea, ascites, ataxia, back pain, behavioral emergency, bleeding, blood and body fluid exposure, cardiac arrest, cardiac rhythm disturbances, chest pain, congestion, constipation, cough/hiccough, cyanosis, dehydration, dental pain, diarrhea, dizziness/vertigo, dysmenorrhea, dysphasia, dyspnea, dysuria, ear pain, edema, eye pain, fatigue, feeding problems, fever, GI bleeding, headache, hearing disturbance, hematuria, hemoptysis, hypertension, hypotension, incontinence, jaundice, joint pain/swelling, malaise, multiple trauma, nausea/vomiting, pain, paralysis, pediatric crying/fussiness, poisoning, pruritus, rash, rectal pain, red/pink eye, shock, sore throat, stridor/drooling, syncope, tinnitus, tremor, urinary retention, visual disturbances,

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				weakness, and wheezing.	
Scene Leadership	Manage the scene until care is transferred to an EMS team member licensed at a higher level arrives.	Entry-level EMTs serve as an EMS team member on an emergency call with more experienced personnel in the lead role. EMTs may serve as a team leader following additional training and/or experience.	Serve as an EMS team leader of an emergency call.	Function as the team leader of a routine, single patient advanced life support emergency call.	
Scene Safety	Ensure the safety of the rescuer and others during an emergency.	Ensure the safety of the rescuer and others during an emergency.	Ensure the safety of the rescuer and others during an emergency.	Ensure the safety of the rescuer and others during an emergency.	
Hospital/Clinical Experience	None required at this level	• EMT students must complete all clinical and field requirements in accordance with OAC 4765-15-05, EMT Curriculum, prior to receiving a certificate of completion.  • Students must complete at least ten hours of clinical and field experience.  • Students must observe emergency department operations for a period of time sufficient to gain an appreciation for the continuum of care.  • Students must perform ten patient assessments. These can be performed in an emergency department, ambulance, clinic, nursing home, doctor's office, etc. or on standardized patients if clinical settings are not available.	<ul> <li>AEMT students must complete all clinical and field requirements in accordance with OAC 4765-16-06, AEMT Curriculum, prior to receiving a certificate of completion.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform a minimum of one subcutaneous injection, which may be completed on mannequin or simulator.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform a minimum of three intramuscular injections.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform a minimum of two intravenous medication administrations.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform a minimum of two intravenous medication administrations.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform a minimum of three bronchodilator administrations.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely gain a minimum of five vascular accesses.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform a minimum of five vascular accesses.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform a minimum of two intraosseous</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Paramedic students must complete all clinical and field requirements in accordance with OAC 4765-17-0 4, Paramedic Curriculum, prior to receiving a certificate of completion.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to perform an adequate assessment and formulate and implement a treatment plan for patients by age and chief complaint to include: a minimum fifty (50) adult assessments, thirty (30) geriatric assessments and ten (10) pediatric assessments.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to perform an adequate assessment and formulate and implement a treatment plan for a minimum of fifteen (15) patients with chest complaints, a minimum of fifteen (15) patients with altered mental status, .a minimum of fifteen (15) patients with abdominal pain and a minimum of fifteen patients (15) with shortness of breath.</li> </ul>	

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			<ul> <li>insertions, which may be completed on mannequin.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform one manual defibrillation, which may be completed on mannequin or simulator.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform a minimum of three intubations, which may be completed on mannequin.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform a minimum of three insertions of dual-lumen airway devices, which may be completed on mannequin.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform a minimum of three insertions of extraglottic airway devices, which may be completed on mannequin.</li> <li>The student should demonstrate the ability to affectively ventilate unintubated patients of all age groups.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to adequately assess a minimum of twenty patients, including medical and trauma assessments to be performed on all age groups (pediatric, adult and geriatric patients).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to perform safely a minimum of fifteen (15) medication administrations by routes approved by the EMS Board in accordance with OAC 4765-17-03, Paramedic Scope of Practice.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform a minimum of three endotracheal intubations.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform a minimum of thirty (30) EKG interpretations.</li> <li>The student must demonstrate the ability to safely perform a minimum of thirty (30) IV initiation/ maintenance administrations.</li> </ul>	
Field Experience	None required at this level	The student must participate in and document patient contacts in a field experience approved by the medical director and program director.	The student must participate in and document team leadership in a field experience approved by the medical director and program director.	<ul> <li>The student must participate in and document a minimum of fifty (50) advanced life support (ALS) ambulance runs.</li> <li>The student must participate in and document team leadership</li> </ul>	

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				in a field experience approved by the medical director and program director.	
		<b>Educational Infrastruc</b>	ture		
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Educational Facilities	<ul> <li>Facility sponsored or approved by sponsoring agency</li> <li>ADA compliant facility</li> <li>Sufficient space for class size</li> <li>Controlled environment</li> </ul>	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level plus Reference CoAEMSP/CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines (www.coaemsp.org)	
Student Space	<ul> <li>Provide space sufficient for students to attend classroom sessions, take notes and participate in classroom activities</li> <li>Provide space for students to participate in kinematic learning and practice activities</li> </ul>	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level plus Reference CoAEMSP/CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines (www.coaemsp.org)	
Instructional Resources	<ul> <li>Provide basic instructional support material</li> <li>Provide audio, visual, and kinematic aids to support and supplement didactic instruction</li> </ul>	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level plus Reference CoAEMSP/CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines (www.coaemsp.org)	
Instructor Preparation Resources	<ul> <li>Provide space for instructor preparation</li> <li>Provide support equipment for instructor preparation</li> </ul>	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level plus Reference CoAEMSP/CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines (www.coaemsp.org)	
Storage Space	Provide adequate and secure storage space for instructional materials	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level plus Reference CoAEMSP/CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines (www.coaemsp.org)	
Sponsorship	<ul> <li>Sponsoring organizations shall be one of the following:</li> <li>Accredited educational institution, or</li> <li>Public safety organization, or</li> <li>Accredited hospital, clinic, or medical center, or</li> <li>Other State approved institution or organization</li> </ul>	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level plus Reference CoAEMSP/CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines (www.coaemsp.org)	

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Programmatic Approval	Sponsoring organization shall have programmatic approval by authority having jurisdiction for program approval (State)	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level plus Reference CoAEMSP/CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines (www.coaemsp.org)		
Faculty	The course primary instructor should  • Be educated at a level higher than he or she is teaching; however, as a minimum, he or she must be educated at the level he or she is teaching  • Have successfully completed an Ohio approved EMS instructor training program	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level		
Medical Director Oversight	Provide medical oversight for all medical aspects of instruction	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level plus Reference CoAEMSP/CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines (www.coaemsp.org)		
Hospital/Clinical Experience	None required at this level	See Ohio EMT Curriculum OAC 4765-15-05	See Ohio AEMT Curriculum OAC 4765-16-06	See Ohio Paramedic Curriculum OAC 4765-17-04		
Field Experience	None required at this level	See Ohio EMT Curriculum OAC 4765-15-05	See Ohio AEMT Curriculum OAC 4765-16-06	See Ohio Paramedic Curriculum OAC 4765-17-04		
Course Length	Training program shall consist of at least 48 hours	Training program shall consist of at least 150 hours	Training program shall consist of at least 200 hours	<ul> <li>Training program shall consist of at least 900 hours</li> <li>500 hours devoted to didactic and laboratory</li> <li>400 hours devoted to clinical and field training</li> <li>Prerequisite course in anatomy and physiology</li> </ul>		
Course Design	<ul> <li>Provide the following components of instruction:</li> <li>Didactic instruction</li> <li>Skills laboratories</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provide the following components of instruction:</li> <li>Didactic instruction</li> <li>Skills laboratories</li> <li>Hospital/Clinical</li> <li>Field experience</li> </ul>	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level		
Student Assessment	Perform knowledge, skill, and professional behavior	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level plus Reference CoAEMSP/CAAHEP		

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	evaluation based on educational standards and program objectives • Provide several methods of assessing achievement • Provide assessment that measures, as a minimum, entry level competency in all domains			Standards and Guidelines (www.coaemsp.org)	
Program Evaluation	<ul> <li>Provide evaluation of program instructional effectiveness</li> <li>Provide evaluation of organizational and administrative effectiveness of program</li> </ul>	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level	Same as Previous Level plus Reference CoAEMSP/CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines (www.coaemsp.org)	

## **Instructional Guidelines**

The *Standards* are broad to allow for incorporation of evidence-based changes within the profession as they influence practice and to permit diverse presentation methods. The Instructional Guidelines (IG) are not part of the *National EMS Education Standards*, but are a companion document. The IG are intended to provide guidance to instructors, regulators, and publishers regarding the content that may be included within each area of the *Standards*, and to provide interim support as EMS instructors and programs transition from the NSC to the *National EMS Education Standards*. The IG are not intended to be all-inclusive; it is understood that they will become outdated as research, technology, and national organization guidelines dictate changes in patient assessment and care. The IG do not comprise a curriculum and are not intended to be adopted by States.

## **Glossary for Education Standards**

Academic institution - A body or establishment instituted for an educational purpose that provides college credit or awards degrees.

**Accreditation** - The granting of approval by an official review board after meeting specific requirements. The review board is nongovernmental, and the review is collegial and based on self-assessment, peer assessment, and judgment. The purpose of accreditation is student protection and public accountability.

**Advanced-level care** - Care that has greater potential benefit to the patient, but also greater potential risk to the patient if improperly or inappropriately performed. It is more difficult to attain and maintain competency in, and requires significant background knowledge in basic and applied sciences. This level of care includes invasive and pharmacological interventions.

Affective domain - Describes learning in terms of feelings/emotions, attitudes, and values. (NAEMSE, 2005, p. 306)

**Asynchronous instruction/learning -** An instructional method that allows the learner to use a self-directed and self-paced learning format to move through the content of the course. In this type of instruction, learner-to-learner and learner-to-instructor interactions are independent of time and place. Communications and submission of work typically follow a schedule while learners and instructors do not interact at the same time.

Certification - The issuing of a certificate by a private agency based upon competency standards adopted by that agency and met by the individual.

Cognitive domain - Describes learning that takes place through the process of thinking—it deals with facts and knowledge. (NAEMSE, 2005, p. 306)

**Competency** - Expected behavior or knowledge to be achieved within a defined area of practice.

 ${\bf Credential \ - \ Generic \ term \ referring \ to \ all \ forms \ of \ professional \ qualification.}$ 

Credentialing - The umbrella term that includes the concepts of accreditation, licensure, registration, and professional certification. Credentialing can establish criteria for fairness, quality, competence, and/or safety for professional services provided by authorized individuals, for products, or for educational endeavors. Credentialing is the process by which an entity, authorized and qualified to do so, grants formal recognition to, or records the recognition status of individuals, organizations, institutions, programs, processes, services, or products that meet predetermined and standardized criteria. (NOCA, 2006)

Credentialing agency - An organization that certifies an institution's or individual's authority or claim of competence in a course of study or completion of objectives.

Curriculum - A particular course of study, often in a specialized field. For EMS education, it has traditionally included detailed lesson plans.

**Didactic -** The instructional theory, the lesson content. (NAEMSE, 2005, p. 307)

**Distributive education -** A generic term used to describe a variety of learning delivery methods that attempt to accommodate a geographical separation (at least for some of the time) of the instructor and learners. Distributed education includes computer and web-based instruction, distance learning through television or video, web-based seminars, video conferencing, and electronic and traditional educational models.

Domains - A category of learning. (See Affective domain, Cognitive domain, and Psychomotor domain.) (NAEMSE, 2005, p. 307)

**Entry-level competence** - The level of competence expected of an individual who is about to begin a career. The minimum competence necessary to practice safely and effectively.

**Health Screening -** A test or exam performed to find a condition before symptoms begin.

Screening tests may help find diseases or conditions early, when they may be easier to treat. (Medline Plus definition)

**Instructional Guidelines** - A resource document that provides initial guidance for content within the *National EMS Education Standards*—it is not a curriculum and should not be adopted by States.

Licensure - The act of granting an entity permission to do something that the entity could not legally do without such permission. Licensing is generally viewed by legislative bodies as a regulatory effort to protect the public from potential harm. In the health care delivery system, an individual who is licensed tends to enjoy a certain amount of autonomy in delivering health care services. Conversely, the licensed individual must satisfy ongoing requirements that ensure certain minimum levels of expertise. A license is generally considered a privilege, not a right.

Medical oversight - Physician review and approval of clinical content and matters relevant to medical authority.

National EMS Core Content - The document that defines the domain of out-of-hospital care.

National EMS Education Program Accreditation - The accreditation process for institutions that sponsor EMS educational programs.

National EMS Education Standards - The document that defines the terminal objectives for each licensure level.

National EMS Scope of Practice Model - The document that defines the scope of practice of the various levels of EMS licensure.

**Patient simulation** - An alternative to a human patient to help students improve patient assessment and management skills; a high fidelity patient simulator provides realistic simulation that responds physiologically to student therapies. These simulators have realistic features such as chests that rise and fall with respirations, pupils that react to light, pulses that can be palpated, etc.

Post graduate internship and/or experience - Experience gained after the student has completed and graduated from school.

**Practice analysis** - A study conducted to determine the frequency and criticality of the tasks performed in practice.

**Preceptor -** A clinical teacher or instructor who is responsible for evaluating and ensuring student progress during hospital and field experiences. This individual typically has training to be able to function effectively in the role.

**Primary instructor -** A person who possesses the appropriate academic and/or allied health credentials, and understanding of the principles and theories of education, and required instructional experience necessary to provide quality instruction to students. (NAEMSE, 2005, p 309)

 $\label{program} \textbf{Program director} \textbf{-} \textbf{The individual responsible for an educational program or programs}.$ 

Psychomotor domain - Describes learning that takes place through the attainment of skills and bodily, or kinesthetic, movements. (NAEMSE, 2005, p309)

**Registration agency** - An agency that is traditionally responsible for providing a product used to evaluate a chosen area. States may voluntarily adopt this product as part of their licensing process. The registration agency is also responsible for gathering and housing data to support the validity and reliability of their product.

**Regulation** - A rule or a statue that prescribes the management, governance, or operation parameters for a given group; tends to be a function of administrative agencies to which a legislative body has delegated authority to promulgate rules and regulations to "regulate a given industry or profession." Most regulations are intended to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

**Scope of practice** - The description of what a licensed individual legally can and cannot perform.

**Standardized patient** - An individual who has been thoroughly trained to accurately simulate a real patient with a medical condition; a standardized patient plays the role of a patient for students learning patient assessment, history taking skills, communication skills, and other skills.

**Standard of care** - The domain of acceptable practice, as defined by scope of practice, current evidence, industry consensus, and experts. Standard of care can vary, depending on the independent variables of each situation.

**Synchronous instruction -** Instructional method whereby learners and instructors interact at the same time, either in the classroom or via a computer driven course. This method allows for more immediate learner guidance and feedback using face-to-face, instant text-based messaging, or real time voice communications.

**Team leader** - Someone who leads the call and provides guidance and direction for setting priorities, scene and patient assessment and management. The team leader may not actually perform all the interventions, but may assign others to do so.