

CONTINUING EDUCATION/SKILLS GUIDELINE

INTRODUCTION:

The maintenance of skill is of paramount importance in the provision in providing high levels of patient care. Continuing education is also a requirement of the State of Wisconsin and National Registry to maintain licensure and certification.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION/SKILLS

1. Please remember that NREMT considers registration to be an individual responsibility. As quoted from the National Registry: “If you expect your employer to complete the Registration Report, along with submitting the fees, and they fail to do so, you will be required to re-enter the Registry as a lapsed registrant. Please do not fail to fulfill your own responsibility.”
2. It is each licensed members’ responsibility to complete the skills required by the National Registry, State of Wisconsin, and River Falls Area Ambulance Service Medical Direction. River Falls Ambulance sponsors the training either at a designated location or at the station. Training is free of charge for ambulance/first responder personnel. The training for each level is out-lined as follows:
 - A. Medical First Responders
 - i. 12 hours of continuing education a year including: Bi-annual Haz-Mat Awareness & Infection Control.
 - ii. Bi-annual first responder refresher through a technical college and renewal of CPR per license period.
 - iii. Annual skills: Per State of WI Scope of Practice for Medical 1st Responders.
 - B. EMT-Basic
 - i. 24 Hours of continuing education a year including: Bi-annual Haz-Mat Awareness, Annual Infection Control, Annual EVOC/CEVO II training, Annual HIPPA.
 - ii. A bi-annual EMT-B refresher through a technical college must be completed once per licensed period.
 - iii. Renewal of CPR
 - iv. Annual skills: Per State of WI Scope of Practice for EMT-Basic
 - C. Intermediate Tech
 - i. 20 Hours of continuing education a year including: Bi-annual Haz-Mat awareness, Annual Infection Control, Annual EVOC/CEVO II training, Annual HIPPA.
 - ii. A 12-14 hour Intermediate Tech refresher must be completed once per licensed period in addition to the 30 hour EMT-B refresher that is run through a technical college.
 - iii. Renewal of CPR
 - iv. Annual skills: Per State of WI Scope of Practice for Intermediate Tech.
 - D. Intermediate 99
 - i. 24 Hours of continuing education a year including: Bi-annual Haz-Mat awareness, Annual Infection Control, Annual EVOC/CEVO II training, Annual HIPPA.
 - ii. A 48 hour EMT-Paramedic or Medical Director approved refresher must be completed once per licensed period.
 - iii. Renewal of CPR and ACLS in a licensed period.
 - iv. Annual skills: Per State of WI Scope of Practice for Intermediate 99, (2) successful ET intubations either field or operating room
 - E. EMT-Paramedic
 - i. 24 Hours of continuing education a year including: Bi-annual Haz-Mat awareness, Annual Infection Control, Annual EVOC/CEVO II training, Annual IV pump training, Annual ventilator training.
 - ii. A 48 hour EMT-Paramedic or Medical Director approved refresher must be completed once per license period.

- iii. Annual skills: Per state of WI Scope of Practice for Paramedic, (4) successful ET intubations either field or operating room.
- iv. Bi-Annual skills: (optional) Airway lab, critical thinking lab
- F. Registered Nurse (Acting as a Paramedic)
 - i. 16 Hours of ALS (ambulance related) continuing education a year including: Bi-annual Haz-Mat awareness, Annual Infection Control, Annual EVOC/CEVO II training, Annual IV pump training, Annual ventilator training.
 - ii. Bi-annual EMT-Basic refresher from a technical college per license period.
 - iii. Renewal of CPR and ACLS in a license period.
 - iv. Annual skills: same as paramedic.
- G. Registered Nurse (Interfacility Transfers Only)
 - i. Same as the Registered Nurse acting as a Paramedic, except: no pericardiocentesis, needle cricothyrotomy, intubation, chest decompression or IO simulations/trainings are required.

PROCEDURE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION/SKILLS MAINTENANCE:

1. All minimum continuing education/skills will be offered in a WI license period through River Falls Area Ambulance and/or through an approved outside agency free of charge to all members and first responders. Attendance is not required but encouraged. However, for any education missed below the minimum state and national registry requirements, the person missing the education must be responsible to make it up on their own or potentially face an invalid state license or national registry certification. A formal signed excuse must be presented to the River Falls Ambulance Training Officer within 24 hours after the scheduled training session was complete.
2. Skills may be performed on a call and/or in River Falls Area Ambulance training, another approved ambulance agency or an approved training facility. Documentation must be provided to River Falls Ambulance Operations Supervisor.
3. All continuing education requirements may be obtained at River Falls Area Ambulance Service, another approved ambulance service or an approved training facility.
4. Any licensed personnel of River Falls Area Ambulance Service who does not complete minimum state or national continuing education requirements in the time allotted will be placed on inactive status until skills or education can be completed. The individual will be case reviewed by the Director, Operations Supervisor and/or Medical Director for suspension, termination or decreasing license level within River Falls Area Ambulance Service organization.

SPECIAL NOTES:

1. Exceptions can be made to extend grace period for minimum skills and education upon discretion of the Director, Operations Supervisor and/or Medical Director.
2. All outside continuing education and/or skills must be approved by the Director, Operations Supervisor or Medical Director.



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