



**NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**  
DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE REGULATION • DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**EMS RECERTIFICATION AND REFRESHER PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

1. The EMS refresher educational programs must be conducted by an approved Educational Institution as defined in the rules of the NC Medical Care Commission.
2. The lead instructor for the EMS refresher educational programs must be a NC credentialed Level I Instructor at the level of application as defined in the rules of the NC Medical Care Commission.
3. The curriculum for the EMS refresher educational programs shall meet the minimum requirements for Re-Credentialing as identified by the most current adopted Curricula from the National Education Standards.
4. The appropriate educational institution must maintain all student records that document successful course completion.

**EMS RECERTIFICATION AND REFRESHER STUDENT PREREQUISITES**

**1. EMS Credential Status**

- a. Currently holds a valid North Carolina, NREMT or other State EMS Credential.
- b. Held a North Carolina EMS Credential (EMR, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic) that has expired and qualifies for the reinstatement of a lapsed credential under 10A NCAC13P.0512.

2. If the competence of the student falls below the required level, the student should be encouraged to improve those skills before renewing their EMS credential. An educational institution is not required to enroll a student whose skills do not meet the required level. However, if the institution chooses to enroll students below these basic skill levels, it is the institution's responsibility to provide individual tutoring, provide remedial education, or require co-requisite course work to improve the student's basic reading comprehension and language skills prior to completion of the EMS refresher educational program.

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMPONENT**

The scope of practice performance evaluation is scenario-based and must be consistent with the requirements detailed in the OEMS *Technical Scope of Practice Performance Evaluations* document.

- For individuals completing a refresher course for the purpose of renewing an active and valid credential are not required to complete a Technical Scope of Practice
- For individuals completing a refresher course to reinstate an expired or amended credential shall successfully complete a level appropriate Technical Scope of Practice

**EMS RECERTIFICATION AND REFRESHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

The following table outlines the EMS Refresher Program content. For this content to count towards Continuing Education or Renewal of a Credential, the Provider must be enrolled in an EMS Refresher Program that, at a minimum meets or exceeds their current Level of Credential. An EMR may enroll and complete an EMT-Refresher Course to satisfy the EMR CE requirements.

**CLINICAL / FIELD INTERNSHIP EDUCATION COMPONENT**

There are no clinical or field internship requirements for this program.

**EMS RECERTIFICATION AND REFRESHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SUMMARY**

The following represents a summary of the required components and recommended minimum time requirements for the EMS refresher program:

<b>National Requirements (NCCR) to include Local Continued Competency Requirements (LCCR)</b>	<b>EMR</b>	<b>EMT</b>	<b>AEMT</b>	<b>Paramedic</b>
<b>Airway, Respiration and Ventilation</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Cardiovascular</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Trauma - To include Pediatrics</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Medical - To include Pediatrics</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Operations</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Individual Competency- Provider selects EMS-related education</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>120</b>

**REGISTRATION OF AN EMS REFRESHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

To register an EMS Refresher program with the OEMS, the approved educational institution must submit an electronic request through Continuum/ESO a minimum of 28 days prior to the start of the class. Failure to submit the request a minimum of 28 days prior to the start of the class may result in denial of the course. **An electronic course outline including course dates, instructional objectives and hours of instruction will be required to be uploaded into the course request in Continuum. A copy of the course outline must be kept on file locally for compliance monitoring by the OEMS.** The Educational Institution will be required to ensure that all students are registered for the appropriate course in the Continuum/ESO no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> calendar day from the start of the class.