

# **EMS Continuing Education Requirements**

Purpose: To provide continuing education requirements for license renewal to Region 6 EMS providers at all levels.

**Note: Refer to the Illinois Department of Public Health Rules and Regulations, Section 515.590 EMT License Renewals, for complete requirements.**

**Note: Refer to the ‘Core Content Hours’ section for a breakdown by content category.**

## **Emergency Medical Responder**

1. Minimum 24 hours of continuing education per licensure period
2. Minimum 6 hours completed per year
3. May not exceed 20% of total hours for one subject area
4. Current certification in CPR for Healthcare Providers in accordance with the standards of a nationally recognized organization such as the American Heart Association or American Red Cross, which includes both a didactic and clinical skills station.

## **EMT**

1. Minimum 90 hours of continuing education per licensure period
2. Minimum 20 hours completed per year
3. May not exceed 20% of total hours for one subject area
4. Current certification in CPR for Healthcare Providers in accordance with the standards of a nationally recognized organization such as the American Heart Association or American Red Cross, which includes both a didactic and clinical skills station.

## **AEMT/EMT-Intermediate**

1. Minimum 120 hours of continuing education per licensure period
  - a. Included in the 120 hours:
    - i. Attend an Advanced Skill Review annually
    - ii. Maintain current ACLS certification (which includes both a didactic and clinical skills station)
    - iii. Maintain current PALS or PEPP certification (which includes both a didactic and clinical skills station)
    - iv. Maintain current ITLS or PHTLS certification as per system requirement
2. Minimum 25 hours completed per year
3. May not exceed 20% of total hours for one subject area
4. Current certification in CPR for Healthcare Providers in accordance with the standards of a nationally recognized organization such as the American Heart Association or American Red Cross, which includes both a didactic and clinical skills station.

## **Paramedic**

1. Minimum 120 hours of continuing education per licensure period
  - a. Included in the 120 hours:
    - i. Attend an Advanced Skill Review annually
    - ii. Maintain current ACLS certification (which includes both a didactic and clinical skills station)
    - iii. Maintain current PALS or PEPP certification (which includes both a didactic and clinical skills station)
    - iv. Maintain current ITLS or PHTLS certification as per system requirement
2. Minimum 25 hours completed per year

3. May not exceed 20% of total hours for one subject area
4. Current certification in CPR for Healthcare Providers in accordance with the standards of a nationally recognized organization such as the American Heart Association or American Red Cross, which includes both a didactic and clinical skills station.

### **Prehospital Registered Nurse**

1. Minimum 120 hours of continuing education per licensure period
  - a. Included in the 120 hours:
    - i. Attend an Advanced Skill Review annually
    - ii. Maintain current ACLS certification (which includes both a didactic and clinical skills station)
    - iii. Maintain current PALS, PEPP or ENPC certification (which includes both a didactic and clinical skills station)
    - iv. Maintain current ITLS, PHTLS, TNS or TNCC certification as per system requirement
2. Minimum 25 hours completed per year
3. May not exceed 20% of total hours for one subject area
4. Current certification in CPR for Healthcare Providers in accordance with the standards of a nationally recognized organization such as the American Heart Association or American Red Cross, which includes both a didactic and clinical skills station
5. Is a Registered Professional Nurse in accordance with the Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act

### **Core Content hours**

<b>Content Category</b>	<b>EMR</b>	<b>EMT</b>	<b>AEMT / Paramedic</b>
Preparatory	2 hours / 4 years	8 hours / 4 years 2 hours / year	8 hours / 4 years 2 hours / year
Airway Management / Ventilation	2 hours / 4 years	12 hours / 4 years 3 hours / year	12 hours / 4 years 3 hours / year
Patient Assessment	2 hours / 4 years	8 hours / 4 years 2 hours / year	8 hours / 4 years 2 hours / year
Trauma	3 hours / 4 years	12 hours / 4 years 3 hours / year	12 hours / 4 years 3 hours / year
Cardiology	2 hours / 4 years	8 hours / 4 years 2 hours / year	16 hours / 4 years 4 hours / year
Medical	5 hours / 4 years	16 hours / 4 years 4 hours / year	20 hours / 4 years 5 hours / year
Special Populations	4 hours / 4 years	16 hours / 4 years 4 hours / year	16 hours / 4 years 4 hours / year
Geriatrics	1 hours / 4 years	4 hours / 4 years 1 hour / year	4 hours / 4 years 1 hour / year
Operations	1 hours / 4 years	4 hours / 4 years 1 hour / year	4 hours / 4 years 1 hour / year
Other Misc. Education	2 hours / 4 years	2 hours / 4 years	20 hours / 4 years
<b>Total</b>	<b>24 hours / 4 years</b>	<b>90 hours / 4 years</b>	<b>120 hours / 4 years</b>

## **Emergency Communications Registered Nurse**

1. Minimum 32 hours of continuing education per licensure period
2. Is a Registered Professional Nurse in accordance with the Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act

## **EMS Lead Instructor**

1. Minimum 10 hours of continuing education **annually**
  - Programs used to fulfill other professional continuing education requirements, i.e., EMT, nursing, may also be used to meet this requirement.
2. Attendance at a Department-approved curriculum review course, if applicable
3. A letter of support from an EMS Medical Director indicating that the EMS Lead Instructor has satisfactorily coordinated programs for the EMS System at any time during the four-year period.

## **Emergency Medical Dispatcher**

1. Minimum 12 hours **annually** of medical dispatch continuing education

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