

**4765-19-01 Continuing education for first responders and EMTs.**

(A) Unless the holder of a certificate to practice elects to take an examination approved or administered by the board in accordance with rule [4765-19-02](#) of the Administrative Code, or is granted an exemption under rule [4765-19-04](#) of the Administrative Code, the holder shall complete emergency medical services continuing education of such length and in such subject areas as set forth in Chapters [4765-12](#), [4765-15](#), [4765-16](#), and [4765-17](#) of the Administrative Code.

(B) In order to count for continuing education credit, an EMS continuing education course shall meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) Each course shall be related to EMS operations or patient care;
- (2) Written documentation of successful completion of the course shall be issued to the student by the sponsoring agency upon successful completion of the course;
- (3) A single session of continuing education shall be at least one-half contact hour;
- (4) Each EMS continuing education shall be provided and approved by one of the following entities:
  - (a) An EMS accredited institution or EMS approved institution;
  - (b) An EMS licensing agency in another state;
  - (c) A branch of the United States military;
  - (d) A medical or nursing board of this state or another state;
  - (e) Federal, national or state entities, as follows:
    - (i) Emergency management agency;
    - (ii) Homeland security;
    - (iii) American red cross;
    - (iv) American heart association;
    - (v) American safety and health institute;
    - (vi) Any other agency or organization as approved by the board.
  - (f) CECBEMS-approved courses.
- (5) Each EMS continuing education course shall be provided in one of the following formats:

- (a) Instruction in a traditional classroom environment or a seminar setting;
  - (b) Online education, as defined in rule [4765-1-01](#) of the Administrative Code, which shall include a testing process;
  - (c) Distance learning, as defined in rule [4765-1-01](#) of the Administrative Code, which shall include a testing process;
  - (d) Journals, publications or electronic media formats including compact discs, digital video discs, video home system tapes, or other technological media as approved by board, and which shall include a testing process;
  - (e) A skills practicum course which shall include an evaluation of skills performance;
  - (f) Other formats as approved by the board;
  - (g) Independent study, as set forth in rule [4765-7-11](#) of the Administrative Code, shall only be conducted through an EMS accredited or EMS approved institution.
- (C) Portions of an initial certification or licensing course that meet the requirements set forth paragraph (B) of this rule, may be counted towards continuing education credit when the sponsoring entity issues written documentation of the continuing education credit.
- (D) Continuing education credit for EMS providers may be obtained from teaching EMS continuing education through an EMS accredited or EMS approved institution when the following applies:
- (1) All courses shall have prior approval from the program director;
  - (2) An EMS provider may count a presentation for continuing education hours only once during a twelve month period;
  - (3) The number of contact hours awarded to the special topics instructor, holder of a certificate to teach or guest lecturer for a presentation shall be equal to the number of contact hours established for the course.
- (a) Contact hours can only be awarded for that portion of the course presented by the EMS instructor, special topics instructor, or guest lecturer.
  - (b) Continuing education contact hours may be awarded for additional portions of the activity the holder of a certificate to teach or guest lecturer attends.
  - (c) Contact hours shall not be awarded for time spent in the development or preparation of a course or presentation.

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