

## **Instructional Continuing Education Requirements**

Thank you for your interest in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) education. By rule, every individual issued a certificate to teach under section 4765.23 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), must provide EMS instruction in an EMS training or continuing education program offered by an accredited or approved institution and satisfies one of the following:

1) complete instructional continuing education (CE) related to the objectives, as approved by the board or 2) successfully complete the instructional methods examination.

The following link has been provided to obtain the complete text of the instructor rules <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4765-18>. Reference OAC 4765-18-06 for EMS Instructor renewal requirements; OAC 4765-18-19 for Assistant EMS Instructor renewal requirements; OAC 4765-18-16 for EMS Continuing Education Instructor renewal requirements; and OAC 4765-18-09 for Physician as EMS Education Instructor renewal requirements.

An EMS Continuing Education Instructor is required to complete four (6) hours of EMS teaching and either two (2) instructional CE hours or successfully complete the instructional methods examination to renew the certificate to teach.

An Assistant EMS instructor is required to complete sixteen (16) hours of EMS teaching and either six (6) instructional CE hours or successfully complete the instructional methods examination to renew the certificate to teach.

An EMS Instructor is required to complete twenty-four (24) hours of EMS teaching and either six (6) instructional CE hours or successfully complete the instructional methods examination to renew the certificate to teach.

An EMS instructional continuing education course must: 1) be at least one-half contact hour in length; 2) issue written documentation of successful course completion; and 3) be directly related to the objectives listed in the instructor curriculum. The Fire and EMS Instructor Curriculum may be found on the EMS Web Site using the following link:  
<http://ems.ohio.gov/Education/fire%20ems%20instruc.pdf>

The EMS Board accepts an instructional continuing education course that has been approved for continuing education credit by one of the following:

1. An Ohio accredited or approved CE Institution
2. An EMS licensing agency in this state or of another state
3. The United States military
4. A medical or nursing licensing board of this state or of another state
5. A course offered through a journal or publication of a state or national medical nursing, or EMS organization, when upon successful completion of an examination, a certificate of completion is issued
6. A college, university or career center

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