



Policy Name: EMS Instructor Continuing Education Requirements
Policy Number: 8.6-020113

PURPOSE: To maintain high Emergency Medical Services (EMS) education standards by establishing requirements for certified EMS instructors who provide continuing education and instruction.

POLICY: Certified EMS instructors must obtain continuing education and provide active instruction during each five (5) year certification period.

PROCEDURE/REQUIREMENTS:

- A. To maintain West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (WVOEMS) instructor certification, each instructor is required to document the following during their certification period:
 - 1. A minimum of 40 hours of in classroom teaching.
 - 2. A minimum of 20 hours of continuing education in topics related to educational enhancement and improvement.
 - 3. Must meet all established standards for instructor evaluations established by WVOEMS.

- B. Instructors who fail to meet requirements of section A will be considered inactive and ineligible to serve as a lead instructor. The individual may regain certification upon completion of the requirements in Section A.
 - 1. Instructors not meeting recertification requirements within twelve (12) months of expiration must also complete sixteen (16) hours of in classroom teaching under the supervision of a Master Instructor.
 - 2. Instructors not recertifying within five (5) years must complete an entire WVOEMS approved instructional methodology course.

- C. This policy does not prohibit educational institutions from establishing additional requirements for affiliated instructors.

APPLICABLE CODE OR RULE: WV Code §16-4C-6 and §64 CSR 48-8.

Special Note: EMS educators currently active and approved by the West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (WVOEMS) as of the implementation date of this rule shall not be required to meet these standards until January 1, 2014.

Effective Date: February 1, 2013	Approved: <i>Mark Wjuel</i>
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