



**REGION 11
CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM
POLICY**

Title: EMS Continuing Education Relicensure Requirements
Section: EMS Education
Approved: EMS Medical Directors Consortium
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EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION RELICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

I. PURPOSE

To define EMS Continuing Education activity and core content requirements for license renewal of EMTs and Paramedics under the Region 11 Chicago EMS Systems.

II. POLICY

A. Definitions

1. In-System CE: Continuing Education (CE) given by or approved by the Resource Hospital for the EMS System within Region 11.
 2. Out-of-System CE: Any other CE courses.
- B. Continuing Education applications and credits must meet the requirements as listed in the EMT Continuing Education Policy and Paramedic Continuing Education Policy.

III. EMS CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) ACTIVITIES

A. Region 11 accepts the following EMS Continuing Education activities:

1. National Courses
 - a. As listed on the Standardized Course Guide per National Registry
 - b. Attached course list and link [National Continued Competency Program \(NCCP\) Model 2025 Reference Document](#)
2. EMS Seminar or Conference
 - a. With valid IDPH site code OR
 - b. CAPCE (Commission on Accreditation for Prehospital Continuing Education) approval number
3. Local EMS CE course approved by the EMS System with IDPH site code.
4. Health related college courses with transcript as approved by the EMS System.
5. Other EMS Continuing Education as approved by the EMS System.

B. Other CE must be reviewed and approved by the EMS System.



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IV. CORE CONTENT CATEGORIES

A. EMS License Categories and Components

1. **EMT Core Content:** Minimum, per 4-year license period (total 80 hours):

- Airway (8 hours)
- Cardiology (10 hours)
- Trauma (6 hours)
- Medical (12 hours)
- Operations (4 hours)
- Pediatrics (8 hours)
- Elective (32 hours)

No more than 20% per main category (16 hours max each) – not counting elective

2. **Paramedic Core Content:** Minimum, per 4-year license period (total 120 hours):

- Airway (12 hours)
- Cardiology (14 hours)
- Trauma (10 hours)
- Medical (16 hours)
- Operations (8 hours)
- Pediatrics (12 hours)
- Elective (48 hours)

No more than 20% per main category (24 hours max each) – not counting elective

B. **Pediatric core content category** must include a skills-based course as defined by one of the following options per four-year license renewal cycle:

- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
- Advanced Pediatric Life Support (APLS)
- Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals (PEPP)
- Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition and Stabilization Course (PEARS)
- Emergency Pediatric Care (EPC)
- Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)
- Other EMS System approved “Pediatric Skills” course with psychomotor component.



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V. SUBMISSION OF CE ON VECTOR SOLUTIONS

- A. All EMS CE should be uploaded into the appropriate core content category by the EMT or Paramedic into their Vector Solutions – EMS Medical Directors Consortium profile.
- B. The EMS System Coordinator will review all CE submissions and validate per policy.
- C. Additional hours to the required number per core content category will overflow into the “Elective” category.

VI. EMS CE CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Course name
- B. Date
- C. Participant name
- D. Number of hours
- E. Course instructor name and signature
- F. Training site location
- G. Education format: online or in-person
- H. Core content category (if approved within Region 11)
- I. IDPH site code number or CAPCE approval

VII. OTHER EMS LICENSE CE

- A. Region 11 EMS does not offer continuing education for A-EMT or EMT-I license level.
- B. EMR continuing education requirements are listed in the Region 11 Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Policy.



NCCP

Model 2025

National EMS Certifications

- Total credits required in the National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) 2025 Model (National + Local + Individual) vary by level. EMR = 16, EMT = 40, AEMT = 50, Paramedic = 60
- 10% of your total National Component credits must be in pediatric content

National Component Requirement by Level		Airway	Cardiology	Trauma	Medical	Operations	Total National Component Credits
NREMR	Emergency Medical Responder	1.5	2	1	2.5	1	8
NREMT	Emergency Medical Technician	4	5	3	6	2	20
NRAEMT	Advanced Emergency Medical Technician	5	6	4	7	3	25
NRP	Paramedic	6	7	5	8	4	30

As part of The National Continued Competency Program (NCCP), the National Registry accepts different types of education including academic courses, initial EMS programs, continuing education credits, and refresher courses. In addition, you also may use the maximum credits the National Registry allows for any of the standardized courses listed below. All education must be approved by your state EMS office, or CAPCE-accredited and directly related to EMS patient care.

Standardized Course Guide

To recertify with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, you may take classes that are accepted by your state EMS office, or CAPCE-accredited and directly related to EMS patient care. While the National Registry recognizes that CAPCE or State Offices/Organizations may provide a number of credits, the National Registry sets a maximum number of credits as indicated below. Only that number will be allowed for recertification, re-entry, and state-licenced entry. Ex. If CAPCE allows 4 credits, and our maximum is 2 credits, then only 2 credits will be allowed.

Note: A ✓ indicates that the course can be assigned under that broad topic domain in the application.

Cardiology		Airway	Cardiology	Trauma	Medical	Operations	Course Max.Credit
CPR- HCP	CPR - Healthcare Professional	✓	✓		✓		4
ACLS	Advanced Cardiac Life Support	✓	✓	✓	✓		10
ALS	Advanced Life Support	✓	✓	✓	✓		10

Medical		Airway	Cardiology	Trauma	Medical	Operations	Course Max.Credit
AMLS	Advanced Medical Life Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	16
EMPACT	Emergency Medical Patients: Assessment, Care and Transport	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	16
ABLS	Advanced Burn Life Support	✓		✓	✓		7
ASLS	Advanced Stroke Life Support	✓	✓	✓	✓		8
ENLS	Emergency Neurological Life Support	✓	✓	✓	✓		15

Special Populations		Airway	Cardiology	Trauma	Medical	Operations	Course Max.Credit
PALS	Pediatric Advanced Life Support	✓	✓		✓		12
APLS	Advanced Pediatric Life Support	✓	✓	✓	✓		14
PEARS	Pediatric Emergency, Recognition and Stabilization	✓	✓	✓	✓		8
NRP	Neonatal Resuscitation Program	✓	✓		✓		8
PEPP	Pediatric Education for Prehospital Professionals	✓	✓	✓	✓		12
EPC	Emergency Pediatric Course	✓	✓	✓	✓		16
GEMS	Geriatric Education for EMS	✓	✓	✓	✓		8

Trauma		Airway	Cardiology	Trauma	Medical	Operations	Course Max.Credit
ITLS	International Trauma Life Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	16
PHTLS	Prehospital Trauma Life Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	16
TCCC	Tactical Casualty Combat Care						N/A
	*Tactical Casualty Combat Care - MP (Military Personnel)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	16
	*Tactical Casualty Combat Care -CMC (Corpsman)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	63
	*Tactical Casualty Combat Care - CLS (Combat Lifesaver)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	40
	*Tactical Casualty Combat Care - ASM (All Service Members)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	7
TECC	Tactical Emergency Combat Care (Civilian)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	16
ATLS	Advanced Trauma Life Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	16

Operations		Airway	Cardiology	Trauma	Medical	Operations	Course Max.Credit
EMS Safety	EMS Safety					✓	8
EVOC	Emergency Vehicle Operator Course / Safety Course					✓	8
TIMS	Traffic Incident Management					✓	4
HAZMAT	HAZMAT						N/A
	*Hazardous Materials Technician				✓	✓	20
	*Hazardous Materials Operations				✓	✓	20
	*Hazardous Materials Awareness				✓	✓	8
	*All Hazards Disaster Life Support				✓	✓	8
BDLS	Basic Disaster Life Support			✓	✓	✓	7.5
ADLS	Advanced Disaster Life Support			✓	✓	✓	15
IS 100	An Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100				✓	✓	2
IS 200	An Introduction to the National Incident Management System				✓	✓	4
IS 300	ICS 300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents				✓	✓	21
IS 400	ICS 400: Advanced Incident Command System for Command and General Staff-Complex Incidents				✓	✓	15
IS 700	IS-700.B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System				✓	✓	4
IS 800	IS-800.D: National Response Framework, An Introduction				✓	✓	3