MEMO

To: NREMT Certified EMS Professionals of Louisiana

From: Louisiana Bureau of EMS

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Re: Criteria for “State Approved” continuing education

The Louisiana Bureau of EMS has established guidelines for “state approved” continuing education in response to the NREMT’s statement: “The NREMT accepts continuing education that has received official approval through your State EMS office and/or the Continuing Education Board of Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS)” (NREMT Winter Newsletter, February 2016).

The Louisiana Bureau of EMS has pre-approved continuing education that fits into one or more of the following criteria:

- Courses offered by a Bureau of EMS accredited training institution and issued a course number through the Bureau of EMS eLicense portal
- Classes offered by an accredited higher education institution (college/university)
  - Courses must be directly related health care (Examples include: anatomy, biology, cardiology, patient care, pharmacology, nursing courses, medical school courses, physician assistant courses, and research courses)
  - 8 hours of CE may be applied per 1 college credit hour
  - Courses must be passed with an ‘A or B’ and verifiable on an official transcript
  - No more than 20 CE hours can be applied per recertification cycle
- NAEMT sponsored courses
- Federally sponsored courses related to EMS operations (CDC Triage, Traffic Incident Management, NIMS, ICS)
- Classes offered by a Fire/Rescue instructor related to patient access, extrication, rescue. A course completion certificate must be issued.
- Local Conferences / Seminars pre-approved by the Louisiana Bureau of EMS
- EMS Education approved by another State Office of EMS
- Common EMS Specialty Courses
  - ACLS (AHA or ASHI): Hour for hour of instruction, up to 16 hours
  - PALS (AHA or ASHI): Hour for hour of instruction, up to 16 hours
  - Professional CPR or Healthcare Provider CPR: Hour for hour of instruction, up to 8 hours
  - PHTLS: Hour for hour of instruction, up to 16 hours
  - BTLS: Hour for hour of instruction, up to 16 hours
  - PEPP: Hour for hour of instruction, up to 16 hours
- ADLS, BDLS, and CDLS classes: Hour for hour of instruction, up to 16 hours