

The NREMT National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) requires state-approved content to satisfy the required hours for the Local/State Core Content Requirements (LCCR). **Effective for the 2021-2022 relicensing period**, the Louisiana Bureau of EMS has approved the following table of required hours and the matrix of approved content in order to meet the NCCP requirements.

In order to permit local agencies and licensees to determine the most relevant content for license renewal, only half of the LCCR required content hours will be required topics from the Matrix of Approved Content. The other half may be made up of content from the matrix, or other topics deemed relevant by the local agency.

Table 1: Required Hours for LCCR

License Level	State Requirement	Local Requirement ^{1, 2}	Total Hours
Paramedic	7.5 hours	7.5 hours	15 hours
AEMT	6.25 hours	6.25 hours	12.5 hours
EMT	5 hours	5 hours	10 hours
EMR	2 hours	2 hours	4 hours

In order to meet the LCCR for recertification through NREMT, the Louisiana Bureau of EMS requires that instructors choose from any combination of the topics in the LCCR approved content matrix. The matrix is separated into four tracks, each containing multiple options for approved topics.

Table 2: Matrix of Approved Content

<p>EMS Legal & Ethics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of Practice³ • EMS Laws & Regulations • Title RS 40, 46, et al. • Negligence & Abandonment • Crime Scene & Evidence 	<p>Patient Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Accountability • Special Populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alzheimer's/Dementia ○ Geriatric ○ Pediatric • Reporting Obligations • End of Life Care & Decisions • Safe Havens
<p>Protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stroke • STEMI • Trauma • Burn • Sepsis 	<p>Disaster Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations • Patient Tracking Procedures • Disaster Protocols <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local ○ State • Mass Casualty

For example, an instructor may choose to delegate all LCCR hours to one content track (e.g. EMS Laws & Regulations) and postpone other topics for subsequent years. Alternatively, the instructor may divide the hours by selecting one topic from each track. The instructor is ultimately responsible for ensuring the LCCR requirement for both required hours and approved topics are satisfied, this includes the use of Distributive Education (DE).⁴ The Bureau of EMS permits instructors the autonomy of which topics to present and the best method to deliver the content.

In addition to the NCCPs National and Local components, individual licensees must obtain individual continuing education on EMS topics of personal interest.

Notes:

- 1- All education for both the local and individual requirements must be related to patient safety or patient care: rescue, extrication, and HAZMAT trainings are approved as long as there is a simulated patient being cared for during the training. Education not related to patient care (e.g. Instructor course, Accreditation) is not acceptable
- 2- If the instructor does not provide or the local agency not specify local content requirements, the remaining hours, must be added to the individual education requirement.
- 3- Medical Directors may require specific training for compliance with local protocols. These hours are permissible for the state, local, or individual.
- 4- Distributive Education (DE) is defined as education received when a live, “real-time” instructor is not available. The number of DE hours allowed is limited by license level and based on the category in which they are obtained.