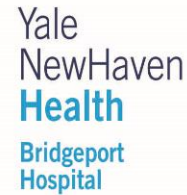


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CME Requirements for Medical Control Renewal Period CME Requirements for October 1, 2019-September 30, 2021 Updated 05/01/2020

Continuing medical education is a crucial part of the professional development and continued competency of all health care professionals. SHCGB maintains this policy and procedure as part of a comprehensive continuous quality improvement program.

SHCGB requires that the EMS provider retain a certificate of attendance from all CME programs he or she attends. These documents will be required for processing the renewal of medical control applications. Content that is not nationally accredited (CECBEMS or CAPSE) requires preapproval for acceptance. Renewal of a partial period is on a pro-rata basis. Paramedics will not be allowed to work after the deadline if renewal packets are not submitted and approved by the end of the period.

Paramedics

While SHCGB utilizes the framework established by the National Registry of EMTs as the baseline for its CME requirements, Paramedics wishing to maintain National Registry are responsible for ensuring compliance with specific National Registry requirements. Providers must meet each of the three (3) sections below for renewal.

Section (1) Select one track for CME Hours.

Track 1:

Submit a current NREMT Paramedic Card in lieu of CME hours

Track 2:

Complete a total of 24 hours of continuing education that may be **ALL** online content this cycle due to COVID closures. Hours must consist of the following areas:

Complete a minimum of 4 hours of CME in each core content area covered below.
(ACLS, PALS, CPR will no longer count for CME hours)

Core Content – 16 Hours

- Airway, Breathing, and Cardiology
- Medical Emergencies
- Trauma
- Obstetrics and Pediatrics

Elective Content – 16 Hours

Any EMS-related content accepted, up to a maximum of 6 hours from any one area

CCT or SCT program or refresher 16 hours maximum allowance.

A maximum of 8 hours may be applied from taking each single full standardized course, such as ITLS, PHTLS, AMLS, TCC, TCCC, or PEPP following core content requirements.

A maximum of 12 hours may be accumulated from all combined teaching of ALS EMS curriculum, EVOC, or Dispatch training. EMT teaching cannot be used for CME hours.

A maximum of 32 hours can be applied from SHCGB-approved CME online content that is CAPCE or NREMT approved. Proper documentation is required.

A maximum of 10 hours may be applied from documented precepting of paramedic students. Precepting time is awarded based on actual time spent precepting ALS patient care.

A maximum of 4 hours for hospital-based clinical observation or simulation manikin time.

A maximum of 4 hours will be allowed for veterinarian care with EMS focus for the renewal period.

Paramedics are required to complete all mandatory in-service educational sessions utilized to facilitate the implementation of new protocols or equipment. These sessions may or may not qualify for credit towards CME hours listed above.

Section (2) Mandatory Requirements for paramedics

- All paramedics will be required to complete an SHCGB approved 12-Lead EKG refresher course of no less than 2 hours during each renewal cycle. The 12-lead course must include a thirty (30) minute section on Unstable Bradycardia treatment. This course must be a separate stand-alone course; The 24 or 48-hour refresher courses will not meet this requirement.

Section (3) Skills Session for Paramedics

All paramedics must demonstrate competency in the following skills at a skills review workshop:

1. Adult and Pediatric oral intubation
2. Supraglottic Airway Insertion
3. Needle cricothyrotomy/use of approved commercial cricothyrotomy device
4. Needle chest decompression
5. IO access/infusion
6. Traction Splinting
7. Cardiology and resuscitation management (rhythm recognition, defibrillation, cardioversion, pacing, medications, and 12-Lead recognition)
8. Drug Calculation Review

- 3.1** Skills workshops can be obtained from Sponsor Hospital sessions, and State Approved Refresher Courses or a Service Level approved session or other medical control regions if approved by medical control prior.