



EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: EMS First Responder Bridge Process Description		
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The EMS First Responder Bridge training process is not a separate course of instruction but rather a method for a currently certified EMS First Responder to gain certification at the Emergency Medical Technician level through completion of selected components of the full EMT training curriculum.

A. National Standard Curriculum (NSC)

1. NSC based programs must end on or before June 30, 2012.
2. Course Topics - The EMS First Responder Bridge curriculum will be based upon the U.S. Department of Transportation National Standard Curriculum for the EMT-Basic and the bridge program curriculum approved by the Office.
3. Skills Proficiency - With regard to equipment and materials, the student completing the EMS First Responder Bridge training program will be trained and proficient in all skills described in the U.S. Department of Transportation National Standard Curriculum for the EMT-Basic approved by the Office. (See the "Emergency Medical Services Procedure and Medication Schedule" for specific essential and allowed optional skills for this certification level, if applicable.) **(See T-200)**

B. Virginia EMS Education Standards (VEMSES)

1. Due to the significant differences in the cognitive and psychomotor domains there will be no Emergency Medical Responder bridge to Emergency Medical Technician program.
2. Emergency Medical Responder/First Responder providers seeking to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) shall attend an entire VEMSES based EMT program.