



EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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A. **Required Initial Certification Program Content** – Any initial certification course which ends on or after July 1, 2012 shall utilize the Virginia EMS Education Standards (VEMSES) as the basis for the course.

1. **Initial Certification Courses** – The Office of EMS publishes the [Virginia EMS Education Standards \(VEMSES\)](#) which detail the course content and requirements for initial programs leading to certification. The VEMSES can be downloaded from the OEMS web page. Additionally, the Office has outlined each of the initial certification programs approved in Virginia. They are listed below.

a. VEMSES Based Initial Certification Program Outlines

i. [Emergency Medical Responder \(EMR\)](#)

ii. [Emergency Medical Technician \(EMT\)](#)

(a) [EMS Operations Asynchronous Education](#)

iii. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician

(a) This program outline's availability is pending the final approval of the new Virginia EMS Rules and Regulations.

iv. [Intermediate](#)

v. [Intermediate to Paramedic Bridge](#)

vi. [Paramedic](#)

b. Virginia Standard Curriculum Programs

i. [EMT Enhanced](#)

B. **Instructional Staff Requirements for Certification Programs**

1. BLS Certification Programs

a. Can only be coordinated by an EMT Instructor who has passed the VEMSES Knowledge Competency exam.

b. An EMT Instructor who has passed the VEMSES Knowledge Competency exam is required to be physically present for all didactic and lab sessions.

2. ALS Certification Programs

- a. Can only be coordinated by an ALS Coordinator who has passed the VEMSES Knowledge Competency exam.
- C. **Continuing Education** - For continuing education programs, the Course Coordinator must identify the specific subjects/topic areas and hours requested for programs that they wish to have approved.
- 1. In all cases, the content and scope of all continuing education courses must conform to the applicable Virginia EMS Education Standards (VEMSES) (or state curricula for EMT Enhanced). Variations in instruction of specific skills or didactic material to conform to local "standards of care" that do not conflict with specific Office policies are allowed only when deemed appropriate by the Physician Course Director (PCD) and EMS agency Operational Medical Director (OMD).
- D. **Psychomotor Skills and Procedures** – All psychomotor skills and procedures instructed within a course must comply with the *Virginia Emergency Medical Services Scope of Practice* for the certification level of the program and students involved, as applicable. **(See T-200)**