



# EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: <b>Authorized Advanced Life Support Bridge Courses</b>		
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- A. Bridge courses are designed to allow a candidate to advance from a lower level of ALS certification to a higher level of ALS certification or for a Virginia licensed Registered Nurse to bridge to the Paramedic certification level. The bridge curriculum recognizes current certification or licensure by allowing previous training to meet specified learning objectives in the training program level, thereby shortening the length of the curriculum.
1. EMT-Enhanced to Intermediate Bridge
  2. Intermediate to Paramedic Bridge
  3. Registered Nurse to Paramedic Bridge
- B. **Course Content** – All Virginia bridge courses must minimally adhere to the Virginia EMS Education Standards (VEMSES) and any additions, deletions or other modifications approved by the Office.
- C. **Certification** - Certification will be awarded as described in **T-234**.
- D. **Scope of Practice** – Bridge candidates will be trained and proficient in the procedures and medications outlined in the Virginia Scope of Practice. Reference **T-200**.