

# EMS Student Eligibility for (psychomotor) Clinical Rotations in Virginia

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RE: Guidance Document - Eligibility of EMS Students for (pre-hospital) Field Rotations in Virginia

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Virginia Administrative Code – EMS Regulations **§12VAC5-31-1170 - Provision of care by students**, requires the student to be enrolled in a Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) approved EMS certification training program.

Compliance with this regulation requires the student(s) completing clinical rotations to be enrolled in an EMS education course that has been announced to, and approved by the Virginia Office of EMS; as demonstrated by the issuance of a Virginia OEMS course approval.

EMS Regulations **§12VAC5-31-1423** require all EMS Educational programs (courses) in Virginia to be announced by the Program Director; who must hold a valid Virginia OEMS Education Coordinator (EC) Certification.

The individual must be easily identifiable as a student with appropriate clothing and/or badging indicating they are a student. They must be assigned an approved preceptor who is certified at or above the level of training the student is enrolled. Student may **ONLY** serve as the 3<sup>rd</sup> member of an EMS crew. EMS students do not fulfill any EMS agency regulatory staffing requirements.

EMS Educational Programs that are conducted outside of Virginia **do not** meet these regulatory requirements; therefore, students enrolled in an out of state program are **NOT** eligible to complete EMS clinical and field rotations in Virginia, or with a Virginia OEMS licensed EMS agency.

Should an EMS agency be identified as allowing rotations of students enrolled in EMS education programs from outside of Virginia, the agency will be in violation of 12VAC5-31-1170 and subject to enforcement action(s). While the Virginia OEMS cannot regulate clinical rotations in the hospital setting, all Virginia hospitals will be notified of these regulatory requirements.