

--- OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ---

Division of Accreditation, Certification & Education



April 2023 Educator Update

This is a blanket e-mail message to all certified Education Coordinators.

Dear Educator,

Good afternoon from metro Richmond! Here are a few updates for you as we transition into summer.

2021 NEMSES Adoption Reminders

- All initial certification courses with a start date of January 1, 2023 and forward MUST be using the 2021 National EMS Education Standards as the curricular basis for the program.
- All EMR and EMT courses are required to use the Virginia Student Minimum Competencies Matrix v1.2.2023. This is a new version that goes into effect for new courses with a start date of April 1, 2023 and forward.
- All EMR and EMT courses are required to conduct a Terminal Competency Psychomotor Exam (TCPE) the requirements of which are the responsibility of the EC and EMS Physician.
- All NEMSES related materials, guidance documents and forms can be easily located in Blackboard under **Organizations>Education Coordinator Village**. If you need assistance with Blackboard, please reach out to Jasper Williams at jasper.williams@vdh.virginia.gov.
- Adoption of the 2021 NESMES--at its core--includes a vision of improving the involvement of EMS Physicians in the EMS educational programs they endorse. This includes review and approval of the course structure and curricular sequencing, the review and sanctioning of major milestone exams, psychomotor skills competency numbers and authorization of the form and structure of the

Terminal Competency Psychomotor Exam (TCPE).

- The Office of EMS does not dictate the manner in which the psychomotor competency of your students is accomplished.
- While you may use the Scenario Toolkit in Blackboard for your TCPE, it is not required by OEMS. The form and structure of the Terminal Competency Psychomotor Exam is to be determined by the Education Coordinator and there with their EMS Physician.

Changes to the Course Student Disposition Report

The Course Student Disposition Report (CSDR) screens in the EMS Portal have transitioned to the 2021 NESMES and we have made several additional enhancements to this process as well as squashing some bugs.

Please take a few minutes to review this Quick Guide so you are aware of what these screens will look like and how they will function within the overall EMS Portal system.

[Click here for the Quick Guide](#)

EMS Physician Changes to the Course Student Disposition Report

The 2021 NEMSES has--at its core--a vision of improving the involvement of EMS Physicians in the EMS educational programs they endorse. In Virginia, this means many new opportunities for involvement in EMS education. From review and approval of the course structure and curricular sequencing to the review and sanctioning of major milestone exams, psychomotor skills competency numbers and authorization of the form and structure of the Terminal Competency Psychomotor Exam (TCPE) just to name a few.

As a part of the TCPE, EMS Physicians will be required to electronically sign off on the competency of students in the programs they endorse and they will complete this task in the Virginia EMS Portal.

We have created a short video specifically for EMS Physicians on YouTube for your EMS Physician should you find they are having difficulty with this process.

<https://youtu.be/9bAXqD3KkEg>

QA/QI Site Visits at Accredited Programs

Beginning in June, it is our hope to add accredited sites to our site visit calendar. These QA/QI Site Visits will not take the place of programmatic accreditation site visits

that are required by your LOR or grant of accreditation.

The QA/QI Team will be using the same Site Visit Rubric that is used for all other BLS programs. This rubric is posted on Blackboard in the Education Coordinator Village.

OEMS Help Desk

Please do not forget the OEMS Help Desk! The Help Desk should be your first POC for any and all EMS Portal related issues. The Help Desk is open to all system users of the Virginia EMS Portal: students, providers, educators, EMS Physicians, Agency Leadership, etc.

Crystal Cuffley, our Help Desk Technician will triage your call and for the most part will be the person who will assist you with your inquiry. If a subject matter expert is needed, Crystal will reach out to the appropriate SME so we can address your inquiry in a timely manor.

The Help Desk is available Monday through Friday, 8AM to 4:30PM, except for state and/or federal holidays.

E-mail: oems-appsupport@vdh.virginia.gov

Web Form: [Click for Help Desk Web Form](#)

Phone: 804-888-9102

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Debbie or myself.

Best,

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