



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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TO: All EMS-Instructors

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REF: Implementation of the New National EMS Education Standards Workshops

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The acceptance of the new National Education Standards by the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board has moved the EMS Education Agenda for the Future from the discussion phase to the active implementation process. EMS regulatory agencies, EMS Instructor organizations, EMS text publishers, the national EMS examination service, and EMS provider services all over the country are taking steps similar to those being taken in Connecticut to adapt to the new standards while addressing the needs of their statewide constituents.

The National Registry of EMT's will transition to certification testing at the New National Scope of Practice Model – Education Standards on January 1, 2012. To prepare candidates to successfully complete the examination, course of initial instruction must transition to teaching the new material for all courses that will finish near or after that date. Therefore, all new, initial certification programs at the Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedic levels must incorporate the principles and content of the new Education Standards at this point in time. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) course will continue to address the National Standard Curriculum for Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate (1985); CEMSMAC has deferred consideration of the new Scope of Practice Model at the AEMT level for the present.

To prepare Connecticut EMS-I's for the transition to the new Education Standards and to provide a common context for possible statewide implementation of the New Scope of Practice Model, OEMS brought together a group of recognized experts in the field of EMS instructor education to develop a New Education Standards orientation program for state instructors. After well over a year of development, beta-testing and refinement, the eight hour program will be rolled out in a number of locations and on a number of dates starting in late August. The program addresses two central considerations for instructors teaching to the new standards: a) new course content, and b) a shift in focus for assessing successful course completion for students.

Although at some point, all instructors will be required to complete a roll-out program, the first phase of the programs will target EMS-I's who teach primarily initial certification programs at the EMR and EMT levels, and particularly those who have planned initial certification courses that start this autumn.

**Registration:**

***PLEASE NOTE –PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED; NO WALK-INS WILL BE PERMITTED!***

All EMS-Instructors will be required to register via the Department of Public Health’s CT TRAIN system.

Instructors with no previous CT TRAIN account have been “batch loaded” and provided with a login name. To start the process, go to [TRAIN Connecticut - Train.org](http://TRAIN Connecticut - Train.org) , Under the “Member Login” button, login using your EMS-Instructor number as your login name. Please use a five digit format: for example, if your EMS-I number is 123, use 00123; if your number is 1234, please use 01234. If this does not work, use your first name initial, last name initial and the five digit emsi number ; in this case, for John Doe, EMS-I 123 the password would be jd00123.

**DO NOT ENTER A PASSWORD AT THIS TIME**; enter via “Login” and follow the prompts to create a password. Be sure to write down the login name and the password.

Instructors who already have CT TRAIN accounts, may access CT Train and use their existing account information.

Anyone still having difficulty should contact Kevin Brown at 860-509-7551 or [kevin.brown@ct.gov](mailto:kevin.brown@ct.gov) .

Once you have established your account and have supplied the necessary information, please follow the instructions to register for one of the Course Number 1028918, Implementation of the New National EMS Education Standards Workshop sessions.

Please also note that the number of participants may be limited, and that your first choice of course sessions may not be available. Instructors who are teaching initial certification courses in the autumn of 2011 will have priority for registration. The course content will be the same, and additional courses will be scheduled.

**Course Dates and Locations:**

- Course 1: Tuesday evening, August 23, AND Tuesday evening, August 30, 2011; 18:00 to 22: 00 both nights; Hartford Hospital EMS Education Resource Center, Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06102
- Course 2: Saturday, August 27, 2011; 08:00 to 17:00. New Haven Sponsor Hospital Program facility, 77 Willow Street, New Haven, CT 06511-2678
- Course 3: Saturday, September 10, 2011, 08:00 to 17:00, Windham Hospital, Bernard/Desrosier, Conference Room, 112 Mansfield Avenue, Willimantic, CT 06226
- Course 4: Tuesday, September 27, 2011, 08:00 to 17:00, Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance HQ Training Center Classroom, 48 Todd Road, Wolcott CT 06716
- Course 5: Saturday, October 1, 2011, 08:00 – 17:00; Norwalk Hospital, Perkin Auditorium, 34 Maple Street, Norwalk, CT 06856

**Course Format:**

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Each course will consist of a pre-course activity element and a live, eight hour program. After registering, participants will be required to complete a number of pre-course activities. The live course sessions will be interactive and will build upon the materials that participants prepare in advance.

Attendees should bring laptop computers and memory sticks to the live sessions.

Participation in the programs will be receive ten hours of educator continuing education credits applicable for EMS Instructor recertification purposes.