

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY
PREHOSPITAL POLICY

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PARAMEDIC STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

PURPOSE:

To establish criteria for Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic student internships in accordance with Title 22.

AUTHORITY:

State of California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4

DEFINITIONS:

- A. Paramedic Student Intern (Intern) - An individual who is enrolled in an approved California paramedic training program and is required to complete a field internship in order to become eligible for a California State Paramedic License.
- B. Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMS Agency): The agency having primary responsibility for administration of emergency medical services in San Luis Obispo County.
- C. Paramedic License" - The document that attests that an individual meets the criteria to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) patient care in the State of California. This document is issued by the State of California EMS Authority.

POLICY:

- A. Changes in state Paramedic student regulations shall supersede information in this policy upon codification.
- B. All paramedic programs, their paramedic students requesting an internship in San Luis Obispo County, and San Luis Obispo County ALS providers shall comply with this policy.
- C. A completed and signed contract between the paramedic training program and the ALS provider interning the student must be on file with the EMS Agency prior to beginning internship. This contract shall include language that indemnifies, defends and holds harmless the following organizations:
 - 1. The EMSA, its officers, employees and medical director.
 - 2. San Luis Obispo County, its officers, and employees.
 - 3. ALS provider that is interning the student including its officers, and employees.
 - 4. All San Luis Obispo County hospitals functioning as base hospitals, including its

officers, and employees.

- D. If the intern is not employed by a San Luis Obispo County emergency medical services provider agency, or the paramedic program does not have a contract with the local ALS provider interning the student, the student must provide proof of general liability insurance of at least \$1 million per occurrence and \$1 million aggregate and proof of worker's compensation insurance or other similar insurance.
- E. Internship candidates shall demonstrate eligibility and shall apply to the EMSA.
- F. All internship candidates must:
 - 1. Possess proof of eligibility for internship signed by the paramedic program director.
 - 2. Possess valid government -issued photo identification.
 - 3. Provide a letter from the San Luis Obispo County ALS provider accepting intern.
 - 4. Possess certification as a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Provider according to the standards for professional rescuers of the American Heart Association, American Red Cross or other course approved by the EMS Agency Medical Director.
 - 5. Possess Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider certification issued by the American Heart Association or other course approved by the EMS Agency Medical Director.
 - 6. Possess current EMT certification issued within the State of California.
- G. An intern that does not meet the eligibility requirements shall not enter into an internship within San Luis Obispo County.
- H. All information on the EMSA internship application is subject to verification.
- I. Internship candidates who supply information found to be fraudulent shall be subject to internship suspension.
- J. Interns must successfully pass a San Luis Obispo County FTO supervised internship as specified in Title 22 and local policy.
- K. The EMSA Medical Director may evaluate any candidate who fails to successfully complete the field internship. The Medical Director may recommend further evaluation or training as required, or may take other license review action deemed necessary in accordance with Title 22.
- L. Exceptions to any internship requirements must be approved by the EMSA Medical Director.

PROCEDURE:

- A. A completed and signed contract between the paramedic training program and the ALS provider interning the student must be on file with the EMS Agency prior to beginning internship, or
- B. Proof of insurance coverage provided by the student intern.
- C. Candidates for internship in San Luis Obispo County shall demonstrate eligibility and shall apply in person to the EMS Agency. Candidates shall complete the EMS Agency application accompanied by the following items:
 - 1. Proof of eligibility for internship signed by the paramedic program director.

2. A letter from the San Luis Obispo County ALS provider accepting intern.
 3. Possess valid government issued photo identification.
 4. Current CPR certification.
 5. Current ACLS certification or other course approved by the EMS Agency Medical Director.
 6. Current EMT certification issued within the State of California.
- D. All internship candidates are required to successfully pass a supervised internship as specified in Title 22 and complete local policy requirement. Interns are required to have the following items documented and reported to the EMS Agency upon completion of internship:
1. A San Luis Obispo County Field Training Officer (FTO) conducted orientation to the San Luis Obispo County EMS system policies and protocols.
 2. Demonstration to FTO of all San Luis Obispo County expanded scope of practice skills and procedures.
 3. Pass an FTO administered EMSA competency-based written examination to test their knowledge of local EMT-P optional scope of practice and protocols with a score of 80% or better.
- E. Upon completion of internship the FTO evaluation verification reports shall be submitted to the EMS Agency on an EMS Agency approved forms.
- F. Candidates shall leave sufficient time for processing applications. The San Luis Obispo EMS Agency requires up to fourteen calendar days to process completed applications.