

REHOSPITAL POLICY

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SUBJECT: PARAMEDIC STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

PURPOSE:

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

AUTHORITY:

State of California Administrative Code, Title 22, Social Security, Division 9, Prehospital Emergency Medical Services.

DEFINITIONS:

"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 paramedic license.

County Health Officer

Date

Executive Director, Emergency Medical Services Agency

Date

"Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA)" - EMSAs are the local coordinating agency for counties in the State of California, including San Luis Obispo. For purposes of this policy, EMSA shall refer to the San Luis Obispo County EMS Agency, Inc.

"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.

INTERNSHIP POLICY:

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.

Internship candidates shall demonstrate eligibility and shall apply to the EMSA. Candidates shall complete the EMSA application. The application must be accompanied by the following items:

- Proof of eligibility for internship signed by the paramedic program director.

- A completed and signed contract between the paramedic training program and the ALS provider interning the student.

 - This contract shall include language that indemnifies, defends and holds harmless the following organizations:

 - The EMSA, its officers, employees and medical director.

 - San Luis Obispo County, its officers, and employees.

 - ALS provider that is interning the student including its officers, and employees.

 - All San Luis Obispo County hospitals functioning as base stations, including its officers, and employees.

- A statement that the intern is employed by, or have a statement of intent to hire by, a San Luis Obispo County ALS provider.

- If the intern is not employed by a San Luis Obispo County emergency services provider agency, 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.

- Proof of current Basic Cardiac Life Support-CPR certification issued by American Heart Association (Healthcare Provider), the American Red Cross (Professional Rescuer), or other EMSA-approved courses.

Proof of current Advanced Cardiac Life Support provider certification issued by the American Heart Association.

Proof of current EMT-I certification issued within the State of California.

An intern that does not meet the eligibility requirements shall not enter into an internship within San Luis Obispo County.

All information on the EMSA internship accreditation application is subject to verification.

Internship candidates who supply information found to be fraudulent shall be subject to internship suspension.

All internship candidates are required to successfully pass:

A San Luis Obispo County Field Training Officer (FTO) conducted orientation to the San Luis Obispo County EMS system policies and protocols.

An FTO administered EMSA competency-based written examination to test their knowledge of local EMT-P optional scope of practice and protocols.

A San Luis Obispo County FTO supervised internship as specified in Title 22.

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.

Exceptions to any internship requirements must be approved by the EMSA Medical Director.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible for San Luis Obispo County internship a candidate must:

Possess all required documents as listed in the policy.

Demonstrate eligibility to the EMSA by applying for an internship.

PROCEDURE:

Candidates for internship in San Luis Obispo County must obtain an internship application package from the EMSA and apply in person to the EMSA.

Candidates shall leave sufficient time for processing applications. The San Luis Obispo EMSA requires up to fourteen calendar days to process completed applications.