

Washington State Department of Health Guideline for state and local topic areas for NREMT NCCP recertification July 2024

Overview

Washington State Department of Health, in conjunction with Washington State appointed medical program directors (MPD), have identified six topic areas to meet state and local content requirements for National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) national continued competency program (NCCP) method of recertification for Washington State EMS Providers.

Background

NREMT provides two pathways for recertification, recertification by exam or by continuing education. In March 2019, all provider national EMS certifications recertifying via continuing education follow the NCCP model.

The NCCP recertification model divides the total number of hours required for recertification into three categories: national content 50 percent, state and local content 25 percent, and individual content 25 percent.

National content topics will be updated by NREMT every four years, most recently updated in 2024. State and local content topic areas established in this document will be updated as needed. The individual hours are considered flexible content by NREMT. Providers may use any state-or [Commission on Accreditation for Pre-Hospital Continuing Education \(CAPCE\)](#) (formerly known as CECBEMS)-approved EMS-related education to fulfill these requirements.

As of 2022, there are no distributive education (DE) limits of NREMT education. DE is any instruction method where the student does not have access to an instructor in real time. Examples include: online courses, video reviews, and journal article reviews. Note: CAPCE uses the F3 designation for distributive education. Education can be gathered through DE or in-person courses. There are no limits on how much DE is utilized. Other CAPCE designations F1 (one-time events), F2 (multiple-event activities), and F5 (Virtual Instructor Led Training-VILT) are not classified as DE and can be counted as instructor-based training.

Hour Category	EMR	EMT	AEMT	Paramedic	Percentage of DE hours allowed
National Content	8	20	25	30	100%
State and Local Content	4	10	12.5	15	100%
Individual Content	4	10	12.5	15	100%
Total Hours NREMT for recertification	16	40	50	60	100%

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Guideline for Washington State and local LCR Topic Areas

Education hours to meet the NREMT NCCP state and local content may come from any of the below topics. No specific number of hours within each category are prescribed; however, it is recommended that providers seek education hours from more than one topic area.

- **Patient Advocacy**
 - Reporting obligations
 - POLST
 - People with disabilities or functional needs
 - Multicultural health awareness and equity education for EMS
- **Provider Advocacy**
 - Suicide awareness
 - Mental and physical wellbeing
 - Workplace safety
- **Law and Regulations**
 - Scope of practice
 - Regulatory requirements
- **Protocols**
 - State triage tools (stroke, cardiac, trauma)
 - County and regional MPD patient care protocols (protocols)
 - County operating procedures (COP)
 - Regional patient care procedures (PCP)
- **Disaster Preparedness**
 - ICS
 - Disaster preparedness
- **Documentation**
 - Clinical patient care (data quality and documentation standards)
 - Key performance indicators (KPI) and research

Washington State will recognize education hours from the following sources: hours associated with state and MPD approved OTEP, state approved refresher courses, CAPCE accredited education providers, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and conferences that are recognized by Washington State or regional and local EMS councils.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact the EMS Education and Training consultant at 360-236-2842 or HSQA.EMS@doh.wa.gov.

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