## 4765-7-11 <u>Continuing education course requirements for Ohio EMS accredited and approved institutions.</u>

- (A) When accredited and approved institutions provide courses for continuing education credit, the institution shall meet all of the requirements set forth in this rule, this chapter and rule 4765-19-01 of the Administrative Code.
- (B) Each course shall be related to EMS operations or patient care.
- (C) Each EMS continuing education course shall be taught by a certified EMS instructor except as provided in paragraphs (H)(2) and (H)(4) of this rule.
- (D) The accredited or approved institution shall issue a certificate of completion to each student upon successful completion of the course. The certificate of completion shall include the following information:
  - (1) Certificate of accreditation or certificate of approval number;
  - (2) Program director's signature;
  - (3) Student's name;
  - (4) Date on which the course was completed;
  - (5) Number of hours completed, to include specialty hours;
  - (6) Course title.
- (E) A single session of continuing education shall be at least one-half contact hour.
- (F) The accredited or approved institution shall set forth and maintain written documentation of clear objectives, course content and method of delivery for each continuing education course.
- (G) The approved or accredited institution shall assign continuing education credit to a course according to a formula whereby fifty to sixty minutes of training will equal one contact hour and twenty-five to thirty minutes will equal one-half contact hour.
- (H) In accordance with rule 4765-19-01 of the Administrative Code, accredited or approved institutions may provide continuing education courses in any of the following formats:
  - (1) Instruction in a traditional classroom environment or a seminar setting;
  - (2) Online education, as defined in rule 4765-1-01 of the Administrative Code.

    Online education courses shall consist of all of the following:
    - (a) An online education course shall have prior written approval of medical

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- content from the program medical director;
- (b) Each course shall have written documentation of clear objectives, course content and method of delivery;
- (c) Each course shall have prior approval from the program director;
- (d) Each course shall be developed by an EMS instructor;
- (e) Each course shall include a testing process. Testing shall be completed prior to the issuance of a certificate of completion.
- (3) Distance learning, as defined in rule 4765-1-01 of the Administrative Code. Distance learning courses shall consist of all of the following:
  - (a) A distance learning course shall have prior written approval of medical content from the program medical director;
  - (b) Each course shall have written documentation of clear objectives, course content and method of delivery;
  - (c) Each course shall have prior approval from the program director;
  - (d) Each course shall be developed by an EMS instructor;
  - (e) Each course shall include a testing process. Testing shall be completed prior to the issuance of a certificate of completion.
- (4) Journals, publications or electronic media formats including compact discs, digital video discs, video home system tapes, or other technological media as approved by board, and which shall include a testing process;
- (5) A skills practicum course which shall include an evaluation of skills performance;
- (6) Other formats as approved by the board;
- (7) Independent study, as set forth in rule 4765-7-11 of the Administrative Code, shall only be conducted through an EMS accredited or EMS approved institution. Independent study courses shall include all of the following:
  - (a) An independent study course shall have prior written approval of medical content from the program medical director;
  - (b) Each course shall have written documentation of clear objectives, course content and method of delivery;

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- (c) Each course shall have prior approval from the program director;
- (d) Each course shall be developed by an EMS instructor;
- (e) Each course shall include a testing process. Testing shall be completed prior to the issuance of a certificate of completion.
- (I) The accredited or approved institution shall maintain documentation of each continuing education course in accordance with rules 4765-7-02 and 4765-7-09 of the Administrative Code, respectively.
- (J) The accredited or approved institution shall maintain documentation of compliance with all requirements set forth in rules 4765-7-02 and 4765-7-09 of the Administrative Code, respectively.
- (K) Ohio first responder and EMT refresher courses, as outlined in rules 4765-12-02, 4765-15-01, 4765-16-01 and 4765-17-01 of the Administrative Code, shall be conducted in a traditional classroom environment unless otherwise approved by the board.

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