



National Registry of
Emergency Medical Technicians®
THE NATION'S EMS CERTIFICATION™

Knowledge, Attitudes and Barriers to National Accreditation

Texas

What are your current clinical credentials? (please choose all that apply)	
N=62	Percent
First Responder	0%
EMT-Basic	3.2%
EMT-Intermediate	0%
Paramedic	74.2%
Licensed Practical Nurse	0%
Registered Nurse	22.6%
Physician	0%
I have not obtained any clinical credentials	0%

What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
N=62	Percent
Some high school, but did not graduate	0%
High school graduate/ GED	3.2%
Some college	19.3%
Associate degree	19.3%
Bachelor's degree	32.3%
Master's degree	22.6%
Doctorate degree	3.2%

Which of the following best describes the sponsor of your paramedic education program?	
N=62	Percent
Community college	29.0%
Hospital	14.5%
Four-year college/university	11.3%
Private EMS agency operated academy	11.3%
Public EMS agency operated academy	6.4%
Fire-based agency operated academy	6.4%
Secondary/vocational/technical school	9.7%
Proprietary school/small business/corporation	11.3%
Industrial	0%
Military	0%

Is your program education program currently nationally accredited by CoAEMSP/CAAHEP?	
N=62	Percent
Yes, we are currently accredited	19.4%
We have submitted our self-study but are not yet accredited	3.2%
No, we are not currently accredited	77.4%

Are you currently working to achieve accreditation?	
N=48	Percent
Yes	52.1%
No, but will do if required	25.0%
I have no intention of becoming accredited**	4.2%
I have not decided whether I will seek accreditation	18.7%

Based on your program sponsorship, do you believe that you meet the sponsorship requirements according to the CoAEMSP Standards and Guidelines?	
N=50	Percent
Yes	46.0%
No	14.0%
I don't know	40.0%

Is your institution accredited by a regional organization and/or national career-related accrediting organizations?	
N=61	Percent
Yes	49.2%
No	47.5%
I don't know	3.2%

Your paramedic program director is primarily:	
N=61	Percent
Full-time	72.1%
Part-time	27.9%

Which of the following best describes the community in which your program is located?	
N=61	Percent
Rural area (less than 2,500 people)	6.6%
Small town (2,500-24,999 people)	6.6%
Medium town (25,000-74,999 people)	24.6%
Large town (75,000-149,000 people)	11.5%
Mid-sized city (less than 500,000 people)	19.7%
Suburb/fringe of a mid-sized city	3.3%
Large City (500,000 or more people)	21.3%
Suburb/fringe of a large city	6.6%

How would you rate your understanding of the following standards of CoAEMSP/CAAHEP?				
N=61	Not at all	A little	Much	Very Much
Institutional Sponsorship	11.5%	36.1%	27.9%	24.6%
Program goals	8.2%	27.9%	39.3%	24.6%
Hospital clinical rotations	11.5%	22.9%	39.3%	26.2%
Field internships	11.5%	22.9%	34.4%	31.1%
Program director responsibilities	8.2%	27.9%	29.5%	34.4%
Program director qualifications	8.2%	26.2%	29.5%	36.1%
Medical director responsibilities	9.8%	26.2%	29.5%	34.4%
Medical director qualifications	8.2%	26.2%	29.5%	36.1%
Faculty responsibilities	9.8%	26.2%	32.8%	31.2%
Faculty qualifications	9.8%	26.2%	31.1%	32.8%
Curriculum	8.2%	24.6%	39.3%	27.9%
Program evaluation	9.8%	29.5%	39.3%	21.3%
Student evaluation	11.5%	26.2%	37.7%	24.6%
Overall accreditation process	14.8%	32.8%	31.1%	21.3%

Please answer the following according to the CoAEMSP Standards and Guidelines			
N=61	True	False	I don't know
The program director must instruct at least 50% of the course	8.2%	68.9%	22.9%
The program director is responsible for the administration, organization, and supervision of the program	91.8%	0%	8.2%
The program director is responsible for the educational quality review and improvement	86.9%	3.3%	9.8%
The medical director is responsible for approving all of the medical contact of the course	82.0%	6.6%	11.5%
Paramedic students must perform at least 5 live patient intubations in the operating room	37.7%	29.5%	32.8%
The program sponsor is ultimately responsible to ensure that all standards are met	63.9%	16.4%	19.7%
The medical director must attest to the entry level competence of each student	57.4%	21.3%	21.3%
The sponsoring institution must be affiliated with a Community College or University	44.3%	39.3%	16.4%
The paramedic program must have an advisory board that meets twice a year	60.7%	14.8%	24.6%
The paramedic program must have full time clerical support	32.8%	34.4%	32.8%
Students must have access to sufficient number of patients that represents the spectrum of problems encountered in the field	80.3%	1.6%	18.0%
Faculty must be nationally certified as a paramedic	21.3%	52.5%	26.2%
The paramedic program must file an annual report with the CoAEMSP	72.1%	3.2%	24.6%

How much do you agree/disagree on the following? A single national EMS paramedic education accreditation...		
N=61	Strongly Disagree/Disagree	Strongly Agree/Agree
improves a paramedic program	33.9%	66.1%
has long term benefits for students	25.8%	74.2%
will benefit the EMS profession	21.0%	79.0%
is worth the cost	51.6%	48.4%
safeguards the time and money commitment of students	41.9%	58.1%
is a positive move for paramedic education	29.0%	71.0%
is redundant to our state approval process	51.6%	48.4%
will improve public recognition of paramedics as allied health professionals	53.2%	46.8%
will improve peer recognition of paramedics as allied health professionals	53.2%	46.8%
should be required for eligibility of national certification	56.5%	43.5%
promotes continuous quality improvement in paramedic programs	22.6%	77.4%
will produce better clinicians	45.2%	54.8%
will have little to no effect on the quality of education provided by my program	41.9%	58.1%
should be required to be eligible for homeland security	62.9%	37.1%
should be required for reciprocity	59.7%	40.3%
should be required to obtain a license in my state	62.9%	37.1%
is a fair process	38.7%	61.3%
is desirable from the students perspective	50.0%	50.0%
will significantly increase the cost to students	35.5%	64.5%

How much do you agree/disagree on the following?				
N=61	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Paramedic students should be eligible for college credit after successful completion of paramedic school	1.6%	0%	35.5%	62.9%
The requirements for accreditation can be achieved by my program	6.4%	12.9%	35.5%	45.2%
If I was paying tuition for one of my children, I would send him/her to an accredited paramedic program	3.2%	33.9%	24.2%	38.7%
I would want an accredited paramedic program graduate to take care of me	14.5%	33.9%	32.3%	19.3%

Accreditation helps me compete with other education programs for scarce resources.	
N=61	Percent
Yes	50.0%
No	50.0%

National accreditation should take the place of state and local program delivery approval.	
N=61	Percent
Yes	27.4%
No	72.6%

To what extent do you believe that the following are barriers to your paramedic program obtaining CoAEMSP/CAAHEP accreditation?			
N=62	Not At All/A Little	Much/Very Much	Unsure
Sponsorship	64.5%	29.1%	6.4%
Faculty quality	83.9%	12.9%	3.2%
Faculty quantity	74.2%	24.2%	1.6%
Clerical/Support resources	69.3%	24.3%	6.4%
Classroom/lab facilities	77.4%	21.0%	1.6%
Hospital/Clinical affiliations	79.0%	21.0%	0%
Field Internship affiliations	83.9%	14.5%	1.6%
Equipment and supplies	82.3%	17.7%	0%
Library resources	74.2%	25.8%	0%
Computer resources	74.2%	25.8%	0%
Program director responsibilities	77.4%	17.8%	4.8%
Program director qualifications	71.0%	25.8%	3.2%
Medical director responsibilities	71.0%	25.8%	3.2%
Medical director qualifications	83.9%	12.9%	3.2%
Program evaluation	77.4%	19.4%	3.2%
Initial cost	35.5%	54.8%	9.7%
Ongoing cost	40.3%	54.9%	4.8%
Cost to students	21.0%	70.9%	8.1%
Institutional administration support	21.0%	69.3%	9.7%
Achieving adequate patient contacts	71.0%	25.8%	3.2%
Achieving adequate skills	79.0%	19.4%	1.6%
Access to live patient intubations	56.4%	38.8%	4.8%
Access to pediatric patients	58.1%	38.7%	3.2%
Preceptor education	64.5%	30.7%	4.8%
Student evaluation	85.5%	12.9%	1.6%
Students pass rates on national/state certification examinations	83.9%	11.3%	4.8%
Student drop-out rates in paramedic programs	80.6%	16.2%	3.2%
Submit a self-study prior to December 31, 2012	61.3%	33.9%	4.8%
Knowledge about accreditation process	69.3%	24.3%	6.4%
Operation of multiple campus paramedic programs	69.3%	19.4%	11.3%
CoAEMSP accreditation will require more resources that my program has	58.1%	30.6%	11.3%

Do you have any additional barriers keeping your program from accreditation?	
N=62	Percent
Yes	22.6%
No	77.4%

How much time have you already expended in overcoming barriers to obtaining National EMS Paramedic Educational Program Accreditation?	
N=62	Percent
None (0 hours)	24.2%
A little (1-10 hours)	27.4%
Much (11-40 hours)	21.0%
A great deal (>41 hours)	27.4%

Have you attended an orientation seminar sponsored by CoAEMSP?	
N=62	Percent
Yes	46.8%
No	53.2%

If help in earning National EMS Paramedic Educational Program Accreditation were available, would you use it?	
N=62	Percent
Yes	91.9%
No	8.1%

