



EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: Alternative Course Presentation Formats for Continuing Education Programming		
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A. Definitions:

1. Synchronous - A type of two-way communication with virtually no time delay, allowing participants to respond in real time.
2. Asynchronous - A type of two-way communication with time delay, where participants do not respond in real time.

B. Synchronous two-way audio and video format

1. EMS continuing education (CE) courses utilizing an approved alternative course presentation format using two-way video interactive technology shall comply with the following:
 - a. Use synchronous electronic media as real time two-way audio and video transmissions.
 - b. Asynchronous transmission methods are considered online/web-based training under these policies. See TPAM Policy T-825.
 - c. The Emergency Medical Technician Instructor or Advanced Life Support Coordinator shall indicate in writing the desire to use such media on the Course Approval Request Form (TR-01).
 - d. Any other requirements established by but not limited to the Office of EMS, and if applicable the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and the Virginia Department of Education.
 - e. Any lab activities at the remote site shall have direct on-site supervision by a course coordinator certified at or above the level of instruction. If the instructor acts as the remote site proctor, he assumes the responsibility of the class roster.
 - f. In cases where the remote site proctor is absent or when the remote site electronics are not fully operational (transmit and receive audio and/or video) the students do not receive credit for attending and the session shall be rescheduled.
 - g. All course tests for the program whether at the origin or remote site must comply with "e" above.

- h. The course coordinator must maintain records of student participation at each approved alternative site and submit continuing education records for each involved student for programs used for continuing education purposes.
- i. Non-compliance with these policies shall result in the continuing education credits being considered as invalid.

C. Synchronous one-way video, two-way audio (i.e. a webinar)

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 - d. Any other requirements established by but not limited to the Office of EMS, and if applicable the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and the Virginia Department of Education.
 - e. A proctor who is certified at or above the level of the program shall be present at each remote site during the entire broadcast for all didactic portions of the program.
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