



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4765-17-02 Paramedic continuing education.

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[Comment: For dates and availability of material incorporated by reference in this chapter, see rule 4765-1-03 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) Except as otherwise provided in section 4765.31 of the Revised Code and this chapter, when applying for renewal of a certificate to practice, a person who is certified as a paramedic shall comply with one of the following education requirements by the expiration date of the current certificate:

(1) Completion of at least seventy-five hours of continuing education, including all of the following:

(a) Twelve hours on pediatric issues;

(b) Four hours on geriatric issues;

(c) A minimum of one hour on identifying and interacting with individuals with dementia;

(d) Eight hours on trauma issues;

(e) Six hours on emergency cardiac care continuing education, which may be satisfied upon successful completion of one of the following:

(i) An advanced cardiac life support course of the American heart association, which will satisfy this requirement;

(ii) An advanced cardiac life support course of the American safety and health institute, which will satisfy this requirement;

(iii) An equivalent program approved or designated by the board which can be found at



http://www.ems.ohio.gov/links/ems_CRequirementsEMS.pdf;

(iv) Six hours of continuing education in emergency cardiac care.

(2) Completion of both of the following:

(a) A paramedic refresher course, as outlined in rule 4765-17-01 of the Administrative Code or paragraph (F) of rule 4765-17-04 of the Administrative Code as evidenced by a certificate of completion issued in accordance with section 4765.24 of the Revised Code, which will satisfy forty-eight hours of the required seventy-five hours of continuing education;

(b) Completion of the remaining twenty-seven hours of continuing education.

(3) Current registration with the national registry of emergency medical technicians at the paramedic or equivalent level.

(4) Core competency-based training verified by a medical director. Training shall consist of at a minimum:

(a) Patient assessment and management;

(b) Ventilatory management knowledge and skills;

(c) Cardiac arrest management;

(d) Hemorrhage control and splinting procedures;

(e) Intravenous and intraosseous therapy; and

(f) Other competencies assigned by the medical director.

(5) A passing score within three attempts on an examination approved by the board, pursuant to rule 4765-8-05 of the Administrative Code, to demonstrate competence to have a certificate to practice as



a paramedic renewed without completing an EMS continuing education program. This examination may only be taken during the last six months of a paramedic's current certification period or during a board approved extension granted pursuant to rule 4765-19-03 of the Administrative Code.

(B) An individual that receives a board approved extension to complete continuing education requirements listed in paragraph (A) of this rule, must complete the requirements and submit an "EMS Renewal Application" to the division, no later than the expiration date of the granted extension.