

EMT Q & A on Student Requirements for Taking Assessment and Student Data Collection for Federal Reporting Purposes

Q: Is the CIP Code 51.0000 considered a state-approved EMT course?

A: To hold an EMS class, the state of Michigan must approve the training location and course curriculum. The state of Michigan is the oversight body for EMS education in Michigan. This approval is based on rigorous standards for training equipment, instruction, and content.

After the State of Michigan has granted approval, the course will be able to offer EMS education based on the level that the course is approved for (Medical First Responder, EMT, Paramedic, etc.). When a student successfully completes a Michigan approved EMS course, he/she can test for the NREMT exam. The approval process is completed by the EMS program coordinator and the EMS state educational coordinator. Once approved, the student will be able to test for the NREMT exam.

Q: The applicant must have a current CPR-BLS for Healthcare Provider credential. Our students are First Aid/CPR certified at our center, but what does the BLS stand for? Do our students need that credential as well as the CPR to then be eligible to take the certification?

A: BLS stands for Basic Life Support. This is a level of CPR training. First Aid/CPR is not the same as BLS CPR courses.

Q: Students must successfully complete the NREMT cognitive (knowledge) and a state-approved psychomotor (skills) exam. What are these, and how do we get our students through these?

A: These are completed as part of the training EMS program.

Q: How will the state receive data from the NREMT certification?

A: The NREMT does not share data with anyone other than the program coordinator and the state education coordinator for the EMS program where the student graduated. The Program Coordinator will be able to run a report from the NREMT website that will provide the number of students who attempted the exam and the number of students successful at the exam. This report, along with individual student Pass/Fail rates, can be submitted to the state for federal reporting purposes. Detailed directions on this process will be emailed and posted to the CTE Skills Assessment website at a later date.

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