



CoAEMSP Interpretations of the CAAHEP Standards and Guidelines

For the Accreditation of Educational Programs in the EMS Professions

This companion document contains excerpts of the CAAHEP *Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in the Emergency Medical Services Professions* with CoAEMSP interpretations adopted by CoAEMSP through policies. The interpretations are NOT part of the *Standards and Guidelines* document and are subject to change by CoAEMSP. Policy revisions may occur often, so this document should be reviewed frequently to ensure the most current version. Questions regarding the interpretations can be directed to the CoAEMSP Executive Office.

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<p>I. Sponsorship</p> <p>A. Sponsoring Institution</p> <p>A sponsoring institution must be at least one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A post-secondary academic institution accredited by an institutional accrediting agency or equivalent that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, and must be authorized under applicable law or other acceptable authority to provide a post-secondary program or to approve college credit, which awards a minimum of a certificate at the completion of the program. 2. A foreign post-secondary academic institution acceptable to CAAHEP. 3. A hospital, clinic or medical center accredited by a healthcare accrediting agency or equivalent that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and authorized under applicable law or other acceptable authority to provide healthcare, which is affiliated with an accredited post-secondary educational institution or equivalent or an accredited graduate medical education program, which awards a minimum of a certificate at the completion of the program. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This is a college, university, community college, junior college that is accredited by a regional or national institutional accrediting body. Vocational schools, proprietary schools, and religious schools may be accredited by regional accrediting agencies or specialized institutional accrediting bodies. A list of approved accrediting organizations can be found on the US Department of Education web site 2. This will be determined on a case by case basis. 3. A hospital, clinic, or medical center may be a sponsor under certain conditions. The hospital, clinic, or medical center must maintain permanent records, must insure quality of the program, and must assure that all fair practices are followed. <p>A hospital, clinic, or medical center, may be a sponsor under # 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It must be accredited by The Joint Commission or its equivalent, and authorized by the State to provide health care - It must have one of the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An accredited allied health program where the entity is the primary sponsor, - OR - • An office of graduate medical education with at least one residency program for post-graduate physician education, -OR- • An articulation agreement with an accredited educational institution

<p>4. A branch of the U.S. Armed Forces or other governmental educational or medical service, which is affiliated with an accredited post-secondary educational institution or equivalent that is authorized under applicable law or other acceptable authority to provide a post-secondary educational program which awards a minimum of a certificate at the completion of the program, or a national organization authorized under applicable law or other acceptable authority to approve college credit.</p> <p>B. Consortium Sponsor</p> <p>1. A consortium sponsor is an entity consisting of two or more members that exists for the purpose of operating an educational program. In such instances, at least one of the members of the consortium must meet the requirements of a sponsoring educational institution as described in I, A.</p> <p>2. The responsibilities of each member of the consortium must be clearly documented as a formal affiliation agreement or memorandum of understanding, which includes governance and lines of authority.</p> <p>C. Responsibilities of Sponsor The Sponsor must assure that the provisions of these Standards are met.</p>	<p>(Standard I.A.1) which can provide college credits for the training</p> <p>An articulation agreement is an agreement between an educational institution and a training facility to provide college credit to individuals completing the training program. This agreement allows students to receive college credit if they enroll at the educational institution; it does not require that students who do not register receive college credit.</p> <p>4. A governmental fire academy or EMS training agency may be a sponsor under #4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It must be an agency of the federal, state, city, or county government - It must be authorized by the State to provide initial educational programs - It must <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- EITHER -- have an articulation agreement with an educational institution (Standard I.A1) that can provide college credits for the training, if it cannot give credits in its own rights -- OR -- be recognized by the state as a post-secondary educational institution <p>2. A consortium agreement is an agreement, contract, or memorandum of understanding between two entities to provide governance of a program. The members of the consortium set up a separate Board to establish and run an educational program. The governance, lines of authority, roles of each partner must be established in the agreement, and have an organizational chart.</p>
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