



Highlights from the Program Directors Focus Group (PDFG) Meeting
January 30, 2025, 1:00P-2:30 PM Central Time

The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Program Directors Focus Group (PDFG) met via Zoom on January 30, 2025, for its quarterly meeting. The highlights from the meeting follow.

1. **Review of the PDFG Meeting Minutes and CoAEMSP Board Meeting Highlights**
 - a. **PDFG Meeting Minutes** (October 14, 2024).
 - b. **CoAEMSP Board Meeting Highlights** (November 7-8, 2024).
2. **Announcement Highlights.**
 - a. **ACCREDITCON.** PDFG members are eligible for discounted ACCREDITCON-2025 conference registration in appreciation for service on the PDFG.
 - b. **Annual Reports.** The 2023 Annual Report was emailed out with associated webinars occurring February 12 and March 12.
 - c. **Webinar.** CoAEMSP will host a webinar on Artificial Intelligence and its impact on education featuring Dr. Brent Myers on February 19.
3. **Summative Psychomotor Examination.** Programs have taken different approaches to end of program summative psychomotor examinations for students in absence of the National Registry's psychomotor examination. Common practices include scenario-based assessment stations with integrated skills, simulating high-stake environments, and increased Medical Director involvement.
4. **PDFG Discussion.** PDFG members discussed the challenges of regional capacity and resource strain with encouragement to collaborate with other programs, utilize alternate clinical locations, and bring these concerns to local EMS authorities. PDFG members also indicated a desire for clear guidance regarding Distance Education.

Next Meeting: 2025: April date TBD web meeting