CoAEMSP Overview

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CAAHEP CoA’s: To Name a Few

1. Advanced Cardiovascular Sonography
2. Anesthesia Technology
3. Anesthesiologist Assistant
4. Art Therapy
5. Assistive Technology
6. Cardiovascular Technology
7. Clinical Research Professional
8. Cytotechnology
9. Diagnostic Medical Sonography
10. **Emergency Medical Services – Paramedic**
11. Exercise Physiology
12. Exercise Science
13. Inclusive Rehabilitation Studies
14. Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring
15. Kinesiotherapy
16. Lactation Consultant
17. Medical Assisting
18. Medical Illustration
19. Neurodiagnostic Technology
20. Orthoptics
21. Orthotic and Prosthetic Assistant
22. Orthotic and Prosthetic Technician
23. Orthotist/Prosthetist
24. Pedorthist
25. Perfusion
26. Personal Fitness Training
27. Polysomnographic Technology
28. Recreational Therapy
29. Respiratory Care
30. Specialist in Blood Bank Technology / Transfusion Medicine
31. Surgical Assisting
32. Surgical Technology
Largest CoAs in CAAHEP

as of July 2020

Surgical Technology, 399

Medical Assisting, 418

EMS - Paramedic, 643

+71 CoAEMSP Letter of Review
Number of Paramedic Programs

JULY 2020

- 643 CoAEMSP Letter of Review Programs
- 71 CAAHEP Accredited Programs

714 PROGRAMS

Credible education through accreditation
Credible education through accreditation established in 1978

evaluate a program’s observance of accreditation standards

observe CAAHEP’s policies & procedures; adopt complementing practices

conduct site visitor training

focus on quality assurance in review of programs

observe due process in review of accreditation applications
Sponsors

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS (IAFF)
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PHYSICIANS (NAEMSP)
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (NAEMT)
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EMS EDUCATORS (NAEMSE)
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS (ASA)
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS (IAFC)
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OFFICIALS (NASEMSO)
NATIONAL REGISTRY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS (NREMT)
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS (AAP)
AMERICAN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION (AAA)
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY (ACC)
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS (ACEP)
The CoAEMSP Letter of Review Process and the CAAHEP Accreditation Process for Paramedic Educational Programs

1. PROGRAM submits Letter of Review Self Study Report (LSSR)
2. If all core elements are met, CoAEMSP grants Letter of Review status
3. PROGRAM enrolls its 1st cohort under the LoR status
4. PROGRAM graduates its 1st cohort under the LoR status
5. PROGRAM submits the Initial-accreditation (ISSR) 6 months after its 1st cohort graduates
6. CoAEMSP reviews SSR and conducts a site visit to the program
7. PROGRAM responds to the Site Visit Findings
8. CoAEMSP Board reviews the accreditation record and makes a recommendation to CAAHEP
9. CAAHEP makes final determination of the accreditation status
10. Program submits the CSSR

Accreditation Process

Annual Reports
Progress Reports, as appropriate
Board Review Teams review Program’s accreditation record
The CAAHEP Accreditation Process for Paramedic Educational Programs – from Start to Finish

1. PROGRAM submits Letter of Review/Self Study Report (SSR)

2. If all core elements are met, CoAEMSP grants Letter of Review status
   PROGRAM submits Annual Report

3. PROGRAM enrolls its 1st cohort under the CoAEMSP LOR status

4. PROGRAM graduates its 3rd cohort under the CoAEMSP LOR status

5. PROGRAM submits the initial-accreditation Self Study Report (SSR) under the CoAEMSP LOR
   CoAEMSP reviews SSR for completeness, then sends to the Self Study Reader
   CoAEMSP Self Study Reader writes an Executive Analysis (EA)
   PROGRAM receives the EA and begins to make corrections before the site visit

6. CoAEMSP conducts a site visit to the program
   CoAEMSP sends the Program the Site Visit Findings Letter, providing the Program an opportunity to respond

7. PROGRAM responds to the Site Visit Findings

8. CoAEMSP Board reviews the accreditation record and makes a recommendation to CAAHEP
   Recommendation may include the request for additional Progress Report(s)
   If the recommendation to CAAHEP is adverse, CoAEMSP provides the Program an opportunity to Request Reconsideration

9. CAAHEP makes final determination of the accreditation status and notifies Program
   PROGRAM submits Annual Report
   PROGRAM submits Progress Report, as requested
   PROGRAM annually assess its resources

10. PROGRAM submits the SSR, and repeats steps starting with step 5 above

Credible education through accreditation
The CAAHEP Accreditation Process for Paramedic Educational Programs—*from Start to Finish*

1. PROGRAM submits Letter of Review Self Study Report (LSSR)

2. If all core elements are met, CoAEMSP grants Letter of Review status
   PROGRAM submits Annual Report

3. PROGRAM enrolls its 1st cohort under the CoAEMSP LoR status
The CAAHEP Accreditation Process for Paramedic Educational Programs—*from Start to Finish*

1. **PROGRAM** applies for initial accreditation through CAAHEP
2. **Program** must submit documentation to demonstrate readiness for accreditation
3. **Program** undergoes initial review by CAAHEP
4. **PROGRAM** graduates its 1st cohort under the CoAEMSP LoR status
5. **PROGRAM** submits the Initial-accreditation Self Study Report (ISSR) under the CoAEMSP LoR
   - or - Continuing-accreditation Self Study Report (CSSR)
   - **CoAEMSP** reviews ISSR for completeness, then sends to the Self Study Reader
   - **CoAEMSP Self Study Reader** writes an Executive Analysis (EA)
   - **PROGRAM** receives the EA and begins to make corrections before the site visit
6. **CoAEMSP** conducts a site visit to the program
   - **CoAEMSP** sends the Program the Site Visit Findings Letter, providing the Program an opportunity to respond
The CAAHEP Accreditation Process for Paramedic Educational Programs – *from Start to Finish*

7. PROGRAM responds to the Site Visit Findings

8. CoAEMSP Board reviews the accreditation record and makes a recommendation to CAAHEP
   - CoAEMSP Review Teams, each comprised of board members, review the program's accreditation record and makes a recommendation to the full CoAEMSP Board
   - Recommendation may include the request for additional Progress Report(s)
   - If the recommendation to CAAHEP is adverse, CoAEMSP provides the Program an opportunity to Request Reconsideration

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   - PROGRAM submits Annual Report
   - PROGRAM submits Progress Report, *as requested*
   - PROGRAM annually assess its resources

10. PROGRAM submits the CSSR, and repeats steps starting with step 5 above
## Possible Recommendations to CAAHEP

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*CoAEMSP may Table its Recommendation pending more information*