



Satellite & Alternate Locations: Defining Them

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Current Paramedic educational program delivery methods present a variety of options and designs. Program configuration options include:

Campus-Based Program: primary location (campus) where groups of students attend at least the laboratory (or similar hands-on skills) professional course(s) of the program. The location would typically be where the Program Director is based. The curriculum may be offered in different scheduling venues (i.e., day, evening, and/or weekend). (Note: often referred to as the main campus)

Alternate Location: location that is separate from the main campus of the CAAHEP-accredited Paramedic education program where a portion of the program is conducted, which may include skill practice or testing, periodic lecture or other learning activity, or other student assessments. This location does not meet the definition of a satellite and does not offer all the professional didactic and/or laboratory content of the program.

Satellite: off-campus location(s) that are advertised or otherwise made known to individuals outside the sponsor. The off-campus location(s) must offer all the professional didactic (which may include any distance education delivery modality) and laboratory/skill content of the program. Satellite(s) are included in the CAAHEP accreditation of the sponsor and function under the direction of the Key Personnel of the program. The CoAEMSP may establish additional requirements that are consistent with CAAHEP Standards and policies.

Resource	Satellite	Alternate Location
Facility		
Classroom	Yes	Not required
Skill lab space	Yes	Yes
Office space	Yes	No
AV equipment	Yes	Not required
Medical equipment and supplies	Yes	Yes
Office supplies	Yes	No
Internet	Yes	Not required
Records storage (temporary)	Yes	Not required
Lead Instructor assigned to location	Yes	No
Additional faculty based on the number of students	Yes	Yes
Onsite coordinator	As needed	Yes

Resource	Satellite	Alternate Location
Additional clinical and field sites	If required by distance and availability	No
Didactic delivery*	Onsite or remote delivery	Students attend main campus or remote delivery
RAM required	Yes	No

*Remote delivery of didactic content may be provided via synchronous or asynchronous methods.

Synchronous instruction: students and an instructor participate in a live, real-time session using an online platform. Students can participate in discussion, ask questions, and receive immediate feedback.

Asynchronous instruction: does not occur in a live, real-time format, and the participants learn at their own pace. Interaction with the instructor occurs through emails, the learning management platform, or other electronic means.

Remote delivery of didactic content does not define or differentiate between a satellite or an alternate location. Options include:

- Main campus:
 - Traditional face-to-face instruction
 - Remote synchronous
 - Remote asynchronous
- Satellite:
 - Traditional face-to-face instruction
 - Remote synchronous
 - Remote asynchronous
- Alternate location:
 - Typically used for live skill practice sessions
 - Remote synchronous for occasional sessions