



Highlights from OEMS Survey

In August 2025, CoAEMSP surveyed state Office of EMS officials regarding CAAHEP accreditation and 51 officials from 36 states and U.S. territories responded. While the data is not generalizable given the response rate, we believe it is a useful snapshot.

Office of EMS Officials View Accreditation Very Favorably

Nearly all (98%) of respondents that have been part of the CAAHEP accreditation process agreed it is valuable for EMS education programs in their state, including 51% who said it was extremely valuable and 26% said it was very valuable.

Most valuable parts of the CAAHEP accreditation process:*

- Ensures the program meets/exceeds national standards (80%)
- Quality improvement (57%)
- 3rd party review of programming (50%)

Most challenging parts of the CAAHEP accreditation process:*

- Costly (57%)
- Time-consuming (50%)
- Ability to adequately measure program performance (32%)

Factors positively influencing the certification exam pass rates:*

- Effective and experienced instructors (50% and 42% respectively)
- Program assessment strategies, i.e. evaluation of curriculum, program outcomes, instructor performance, etc. (50%)
- In-person skills and scenario training (35%)

Factors negatively influencing the certification exam pass rates:*

- Lack of program assessment strategies, i.e. evaluation of curriculum, program outcomes, instructor performance, etc.
- Inexperienced or ineffective instructors (38% and 36% respectively)
- Insufficient program level student evaluation, i.e. evaluation of student learning and performance (30%)

**respondents chose top three*

Most Office of EMS officials (86%) have interacted with CoAEMSP staff, and those interactions have been very positive.

- Most (88%) say the interaction was valuable, including 50% who said it was extremely valuable and 38% who said it was very valuable; only one respondent (2% of sample) said it was not at all valuable.
- Of those that have sought information or support from CoAEMSP, 100% said CoAEMSP staff were effective, including 36% who said staff were extremely and 43% who said staff were very effective (43%)

State Office of EMS Officials Value Attending Site Visits, Meeting Site Visitors

- Of the 86% of respondents who have attended a site visit, 100% considered it valuable in terms of understanding more about the accreditation process, including 60% who said it was extremely valuable and 20% who said it was very valuable. No one considered it not valuable at all.
- Of those who have interacted with a site visitor, 77% considered it valuable, including 53% who said it was extremely valuable and who said it was very 23% valuable. No one considered it not valuable at all.

Three quarters (73%) of officials who were aware of the new option for voluntary CAAHEP accreditation for AEMT programs believe programs in their state would benefit from exploring it.

Full survey results are available at <https://coaemsp.org/research>.