

641—139.2(147A) Definitions.

“Advanced emergency medical technician” or *“AEMT”* means an individual who has successfully completed a course of study based on the United States Department of Transportation’s Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Instructional Guidelines (January 2009), has passed the psychomotor and cognitive examinations for the AEMT, and is currently certified by the department as an AEMT.

“Bureau” or *“BETS”* means the bureau of emergency and trauma services, the bureau designated by the department as the lead agency for coordinating and implementing the provision of emergency medical services in this state.

“CAAHEP” means the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

“CAPCE” means the Commission on Accreditation for Prehospital Continuing Education. CAPCE is an accrediting body charged with the review and accreditation of EMS continuing education.

“CEH” means continuing education hour, which is based upon a minimum of 50 minutes of training per hour.

“Certification” or *“certificate”* means a document issued by the department authorizing a person to practice as an emergency medical care provider in Iowa.

“Certified” means being officially recognized as meeting department-approved training and testing standards and being issued a certificate by the department in accordance with Iowa Code chapters 272C and 147A.

“Cognitive examination” or *“written examination”* means the portion of the NREMT certification examination process evaluating the candidate’s level of EMS knowledge.

“Core continuing education” means education obtained during a certification period to renew certification. Core continuing education shall have an assigned sponsor number from CAPCE, an authorized EMS training program, the board of nursing, the board of medicine or the department.

“Course completion date” means the date of the final classroom session of an emergency medical care provider course.

“Course coordinator” means an individual who has been assigned by the training program to coordinate the activities of an emergency medical care provider course.

“Critical care paramedic” or *“CCP”* means a currently certified paramedic who has successfully completed a critical care course of instruction approved by the department and has received endorsement from the department as a critical care paramedic.

“Department” means the Iowa department of public health.

“Director” means the director of the Iowa department of public health.

“Emergency medical care” means any medical procedure authorized by Iowa Code chapter 147A and 641—Chapter 131.

“Emergency medical care provider” means an individual who has been trained to provide emergency and nonemergency medical care at the EMR, EMT, AEMT, paramedic, or other certification level recognized by the department before 2011 and has been issued a certificate by the department, or a person practicing in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 147D.

“Emergency medical care student” or *“student”* means any individual registered with the department and enrolled in an EMS training program with an active EMS student registration.

“Emergency medical responder” or *“EMR”* means an individual who has successfully completed a course of study based on the United States Department of Transportation’s Emergency Medical Responder Instructional Guidelines (January 2009), has passed the psychomotor and cognitive examinations for the EMR, and is currently certified by the department as an EMR.

“Emergency medical services” or *“EMS”* means an integrated medical care delivery system to provide emergency and nonemergency medical care.

“Emergency medical technician” or *“EMT”* means an individual who has successfully completed a course of study based on the United States Department of Transportation’s Emergency Medical Technician Instructional Guidelines (January 2009), has passed the psychomotor and cognitive examinations for the EMT, and is currently certified by the department as an EMT.

“EMS evaluator” or *“EMS-E”* means an individual who has successfully completed an EMS evaluator curriculum approved by the department and is currently endorsed by the department as an EMS-E.

“*EMS instructor*” or “*EMS-I*” means an individual who has successfully completed an EMS instructor curriculum approved by the department and is currently endorsed by the department as an EMS-I.

“*EMS training program*” or “*training program*” means an Iowa college approved by the Higher Learning Commission, an Iowa hospital, or a service program that has received authorization from the department to conduct emergency medical care training.

“*Endorsement*” or “*endorsed*” means an approval granted by the department authorizing an individual to serve as an EMS-I, EMS-E or CCP.

“*Higher Learning Commission*” means the independent corporation which accredits degree-granting postsecondary institutions in the north central region of the United States.

“*NREMT*” means the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. The NREMT provides a valid, uniform process to assess the knowledge and skills required for competent entrance-level practice by EMS professionals.

“*Out-of-state student*” means any individual participating in clinical or field experience as a student in an approved out-of-state training program.

“*Out-of-state training program*” means an EMS training program located outside the state of Iowa that is approved by the authorizing agency of the program’s home state to conduct initial EMS training for EMR, EMT, AEMT, paramedic or other level certified by the department.

“*Outreach course coordinator*” means an individual assigned by the training program to coordinate the activities of an emergency medical care provider course held outside the training program facilities.

“*Paramedic*” or “*PM*” means an individual who has successfully completed a course of study based on the United States Department of Transportation’s Paramedic Instructional Guidelines (January 2009), has passed the psychomotor and cognitive examinations for the paramedic, and is currently certified by the department as a paramedic.

“*Physician*” means an individual licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148.

“*Physician assistant*” or “*PA*” means an individual licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148C.

“*Preceptor*” means an individual assigned by the training program, clinical facility or service program to supervise EMS students while the students are completing their classroom, clinical or field experience. A preceptor shall be an emergency medical care provider certified at the level at which the preceptor is providing supervision or at a higher level or be licensed as a physician, physician assistant or registered nurse.

“*Primary instructor*” means an individual who is responsible for teaching the majority of an emergency medical care provider course.

“*Psychomotor examination*” or “*practical examination*” means the portion of the department-approved or NREMT certification examination process that evaluates the skill and procedure capabilities of the candidate.

“*Registered nurse*” or “*RN*” means an individual licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 152.

“*Service program*” or “*service*” means any transport service or nontransport service, inclusive of associated satellites and service program affiliates, that has received full or conditional authorization from the department.

“*Training program director*” means a health care professional (full-time educator or practitioner of emergency or critical care) assigned by the training program to direct the operation of the training program.

“*Training program medical director*” means a physician licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148 who is responsible for providing medical oversight to an EMS training program.

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