

#### **64J-1.0201 EMS Instructor Qualifications**

(1) As used in Chapter 401, F.S., and this Rule Chapter, the term:

(a) “Emergency medical services training class” or “EMS training class” means a cohort of students progressing through a series of didactic, clinical internship, field internship, skills laboratory, and psychomotor and affective lessons taught as one collective course of training that is intended to teach the knowledge and skills necessary to qualify for certification under s. 401.27, F.S.

(b) “Program Director” means the individual responsible for all aspects of To be eligible for approval as an EMS Training Program, including but not limited to: an applicant must ensure, with supporting documentation, that each instructor has met the standards listed below for their instructor position(s) as listed in the school’s Emergency Medical Services Training Program’s DH Form 1698, December 2008, Application for Approval of an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Training Program, which is incorporated by reference in subsection 64J-1.020(2), F.A.C., and is available from the department, as defined by subsection 64J-1.001(9), F.A.C., or at <http://www.fl-ems.com>.

1. administration, organization, and supervision of the EMS training program, each course of training, and the individual courses that comprise a course of training for one EMS training class,

2. continuous quality review and improvement of each course of training,

3. long range planning and ongoing development of the EMS training program,

4. the effectiveness of the EMS training program and its instructors and faculty, and the systems used to demonstrate effectiveness,

5. cooperative involvement with the medical director,

6. the orientation and/or training and supervision of clinical and field internship preceptors,

7. the effectiveness of individuals delegated by the program director and their ability to fulfill the delegated responsibilities,

8. ensuring the requirements of Florida law and administrative rules are followed.

(c) “EMS Training Class Coordinator” means someone who:

1. coordinates the individual courses that comprise a course of training for one EMS training class pursuant to the requirements of the EMS training program,

2. is certified as an EMT or paramedic,

3. meets the requirements of this Rule, and

4. is responsible for assuring that courses are conducted pursuant to the requirements of the EMS training program as described in DH Form NNNN, MM/YYYY, adopted by reference in Rule 64J-1.020(9), F.A.C.

(d) “EMS course instructor” means a person, other than a laboratory or psychomotor skills instructor, who meets the requirements of this Rule and who is employed, retained, or contracted by an EMS training program to teach the course(s) listed in DH Form NNNN, MM/YYYY, adopted by reference in Rule 64J-1.020(9), F.A.C., whether described as an “instructor,” “faculty,” “adjunct instructor,” or similar term.

(e) “Laboratory instructor” or “psychomotor skills instructor” means a person, other than an EMS course instructor, who meets the requirements of this Rule and who is employed, retained, or contracted by an EMS training program to teach the course(s) listed in DH Form NNNN, MM/YYYY, adopted by reference in Rule 64J-1.020(9), F.A.C.

(2) EMS training programs must submit, together with DH Form NNNN, MM/YYYY, which is incorporated by reference in Rule 64J-1.020(2), F.A.C., documentation demonstrating that the: Any lead or adjunct instructor teaching in a Florida approved EMS Training Program who does not qualify for an exemption at the time of implementation of this rule may continue in their role and will have two years to complete the required coursework for the level of instruction they are employed.

(a) Program Director

1. holds a Bachelor’s degree from an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the United States Department of Education,

2. is certified by and in good standing with the NREMT at the same level (Emergency Medical Responder, EMT or paramedic) as the instruction being provided,

3. is certified by and in good standing with the State of Florida at the same level (Emergency Medical Responder, EMT or paramedic) as the instruction being provided,

4. has at least 3 years of field-level professional experience in a pre-hospital setting with an ALS provider,

5. has successfully completed a course in teaching EMS content from the National EMS Education Standards,  
and

6. has successfully completed at least 40 hours of classroom instruction on instructional methodology from a program approved by the National Association of EMS Educators, the United States Department of Education, or a state Department of Education, Tribal education department, state agency, county government, or local municipality.(b) EMS course instructors

1. are certified by and in good standing with the NREMT at the same level (Emergency Medical Responder, EMT or paramedic) as the instruction being provided,

2. have at least 2 years of field-level professional experience in a pre-hospital setting with an ALS provider,

3. have successfully completed a course in teaching EMS-content from the National EMS Education Standards,

4. have successfully completed at least 40 hours of classroom instruction on instructional methodology from a program approved by the National Association of EMS Educators, the United States Department of Education, or a state Department of Education, Tribal education department, state agency, county government, or local municipality.

(3) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Instructors:

(a) Program Directors, Levels A and B:

1. Must have successfully completed Levels A and B coursework listed in Table I and Table II as identified in the National Guidelines for Educating EMS Instructors, August, 2002 edition, which is incorporated by reference and available from the department, as defined by subsection 64J 1.001(9), F.A.C., or at <http://www.nhtsa.gov>; or has qualified for one of the exemptions in subsection 64J 1.0201(5), F.A.C.

2. Have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree from an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the United States Department of Education:

3. Program Directors who do not possess a Bachelor's degree and are employed by a Florida approved EMS Training Program at time of implementation of this rule will have until July 1, 2014 to obtain their Bachelor's degree:

4. Be certified as a Florida paramedic, in good standing with the department, with at least four years field level provider experience in the prehospital environment with an Advanced Life Support (ALS) provider:

5. Must have a minimum of two years teaching experience as a Level B instructor:

(b) Lead Instructors, Program Coordinators, Levels A and B:

1. Has successfully completed the Levels A and B instructor coursework listed in Table I and Table II and as identified in the National Guidelines for Educating EMS Instructors, August, 2002 edition or has qualified for one of the exemptions in subsection 64J 1.0201(5), F.A.C.

2. Be certified as a Florida paramedic in good standing with the department, with at least four years field level provider experience in the pre-hospital environment with an ALS provider:

3. Have a minimum of an Associate's degree from an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the United States Department of Education:

4. Lead instructors who do not possess an Associate's degree and are teaching in a Florida approved EMS Training Program at time of implementation of this rule will have until July 1, 2013 to obtain their Associate's degree:

5. Must have at least two years teaching experience in EMS education:

(4) Adjunct Faculty:

(a) Must have successfully completed the Level A coursework listed in Table I as identified in the National Guidelines for Educating EMS Instructors, August, 2002 edition, or has qualified for one of the exemptions in subsection 64J 1.0201(5), F.A.C.

(b) For First Responder or Emergency Medical Technician Training Programs, must be certified as a Florida Emergency Medical Technician Basic, a paramedic or licensed Registered Nurse in good standing with the department and have at least three years of field provider experience with an ALS provider:

(c) For Paramedic Training Programs, must be certified as a Florida paramedic in good standing with the

department or be a licensed Registered Nurse in good standing and have at least three years of field provider experience with an ALS provider.

(d) Adjunct instructors must possess a minimum of an Associate's degree from an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the United States Department of Education.

(e) Adjunct instructors who do not possess an Associate's degree and are employed by a Florida approved EMS Training Program at time of implementation of this rule will have until July 1, 2013 to obtain their degree.

Table I EMS Instructor Course Curriculum	
EMS instructor course objectives will be consistent with the National Guidelines for Educating EMS Instructors, August, 2002 edition.	
Level A: Instructor Qualifications for Adjunct Faculty: Including Didactic, Laboratory, and Clinical Instructors:	
Course	Hours of Instruction
Introduction/Course Objectives	30 minutes
Module 2: Roles and Responsibilities	2 hours
Module 5: Ethics	2.5 hour
Module 6: The Learning Environment	2 hours
Module 7: Learning Styles	3 hours
Module 8: Domains of Learning	3 hours
Module 9: Goals and Objectives	3 hours
Module 11: Presentation Skills	2 hours
Module 12: Evaluation Techniques	3 hours
Module 15: Motivation	2 hours
Module 17: Teaching Psychomotor Skills	4 hours
Module 18: Affective/Cognitive Domains	3 hours
Module 20: Remediation (Practical exercises)	3 hours
Module 21: Cultural Awareness	2 hours
Practical Teaching Presentation	5 hours
Total Class Hours	40 Hours

Table II EMS Instructor Course Curriculum	
Level B: Instructor Qualifications for Program Coordinators and Lead Instructors	
Prerequisites: Completion of Level A Coursework or qualify for an exemption listed in subsection 64J-1.0201(5), F.A.C.	
Course	Hours of Instruction
Creating Learning Objectives & Lesson Plans	3 hours
Module 3: Administrative Issues	1 hour
Module 4: Legal Issues In EMS Education	1 hour
Module 10: Lesson Plans	1 hour
Module 13: Facilitation Techniques	1 hour
Module 14: Communication and Feedback	2 hours
Module 16: Teaching Thinking Skills (Critical)	2 hours
Module 19: Discipline	1 hours
Module 22: Teaching Resources	1 hour
Module 23: Research	1 hour
Module 26: Pediatric Education	1 hour
Total Class Hours	15 Hours

~~(3)~~(5) Exemptions.

(a) Individuals who were providing instruction prior to the effective date of this rule or who served as medical director at a Florida-approved EMS training program Program Directors, Program Coordinators, Lead Instructors, Course Coordinators, and Adjunct faculty who have attained any of the following criteria, as documented in an EMS training program application for approval that was approved by the department prior to the effective date of this Rule are exempt from ~~(2), above, both Levels A and B coursework:~~

1. ~~Individuals with a Bachelor's degree or higher from an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the United States Department of Education with 4 years teaching experience in EMS education and 2 years experience as a Program Coordinator/Director are exempt from Levels A and B coursework.~~

2. ~~Individuals with an Associate of Science degree from an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the United States Department of Education with 8 years teaching experience in EMS education and a minimum of 5 years experience as a Program Coordinator are exempt from Levels A and B coursework.~~

3. ~~Physicians licensed under chapter 458 or 459, F.S., are exempt from Levels A and B coursework.~~

4. ~~Completion of Fire Service Instructor Course Delivery and Fire Service Instructor Course Design (80 hours) or Florida certification in Fire Instructor II or III with 2 years teaching experience in EMS education are exempt from Levels A and B coursework.~~

5. ~~Individuals with current certification as a Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Instructor (80 hour course) with 2 years teaching experience in EMS education are exempt from Levels A and B coursework.~~

(b) Clinical and field preceptors who are not also EMS course Program Directors, Program Coordinators, Lead Instructors, Course Coordinators, and Adjunct faculty who provide no classroom instruction have attained any of the following prior to the implementation of this rule are exempt from ~~(2), above, Level A coursework:~~

1. ~~Individuals with an Associate in Science Degree from an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the United States Department of Education with 6 years teaching experience in EMS education are exempt from Level A coursework.~~

2. ~~Individuals with a Associate in Science Degree from an institution whose accreditation is recognized by the United States Department of Education with 20 contact hours of educational/instructor courses with 2 years teaching experience in EMS education are exempt from Level A coursework.~~

3. ~~Individuals who have successfully completed the National Association of EMS Educator's Instructor Course or obtained National Instructor Level I (National EMS Instructor certification) are exempt from Level A coursework. Individuals with National Instructor Level II are exempt from Level A and B coursework.~~

(c) Subject matter experts may provide not more are exempt from all certification Levels provided they do not provide greater than five percent of the total hours of instruction to one EMS training class in either the didactic, laboratory, or clinical portions of the programs contact hours.

(d) ~~These exemptions will only remain in effect until July 1, 2013.~~

(4) Emergency medical responder instructor qualifications are as provided in the National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, 12-1-2021, which is incorporated by reference in Rule 64J-1.020(12), F.A.C.

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