

Policy Statement:

This policy describes credentials that equal successful completion of a Vermont Senior Instructor course. A person who satisfactorily meets these credentials and completes all other requirements of EMS Rule 10.3.2 is eligible for Senior Instructor licensure.

Relevant EMS Rule:

EMS Rule 10.3.2: In order to be licensed for the first time as an EMS Senior Instructor, an applicant must:

10.3.2.5: Complete a Senior Instructor course of education approved by the Department, or hold credentials equivalent to such education as approved by the Department

Procedure:

As an alternative to completion of a Vermont Senior Instructor course, the Vermont Department of Health EMS Office (the Department) has established the following requirements as credentials equivalent to such education:

- Hold a current Vermont license at the EMR, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic level for a minimum of five (5) years
- Hold a current Vermont Instructor/Coordinator license for a minimum of five (5) years
- Coordinate a minimum of ten (10) initial EMR, EMT or AEMT courses
 - At least five (5) of these courses must be at the EMT level or above with an average pass rate of 80%
 - At least two (2) of these courses must be at the AEMT level or above with an average pass rate of 70%
- Mentor a minimum of five (5) EMS Instructor/Coordinator candidates to successful I/C licensure

Rationale:

The EMS Senior Instructor occupies the top tier of the Vermont EMS education pyramid. They supervise EMS Instructor/Coordinators on behalf of the Department, and they are the principal trainers of EMS Skills Instructors. In these capacities, Senior Instructors wield enormous influence over the quality of EMS education in Vermont. A person must possess a preponderance of experience and knowledge as an EMS practitioner, adult educator, mentor and course administrator before ascending to this position.

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