



System Education Advisory January 04, 2016

OMD Required Education, Skill Competencies and Biannual Online COG Testing for calendar year 2016. Each Organization is responsible for the timely communication and comprehensive delivery of this Required System Education Program to their Credentialed Staff and Responders.

ECA/SFR Credential and all Tier 1 Organizations (OMDR-19)

1. All OMD Continuing Education Modules for Credential Level*
2. Skill Competency: Must be completed by December 15, 2016
 - Pit Crew (Adult and Infant)
3. Biannual COG Testing (**Online** Successfully Completed between August 1, 2016 and October 31, 2016).

EMT-B Credential all Tier 2 Organizations (OMDR-19) and Skills Optional for Tier 1 EMT-B Responders

1. All OMD Continuing Education Modules for Credential Level*
2. Skill Competencies: Must be completed by December 15, 2016
 - Pit Crew (Adult and Infant)
 - iGel/Blind Insertion Airway Device (BIAD)
 - Epinephrine Draw and Shoot with Medication Cross Check
3. Biannual COG Testing (**Online** Successfully Completed between August 1, 2016 and October 31, 2016).

EMT-Intermediate Credential

1. All OMD Continuing Education Modules for Credential Level*
2. Skill Competencies: Must be completed by December 15, 2016
 - Pit Crew (Adult and Infant)
 - iGel/Blind Insertion Airway Device (BIAD)
 - Epinephrine Draw and Shoot with Medication Cross Check
 - Foreign Body Airway Removal with Magill Forceps
 - Online Medication Calculation and IV Decision-making Module*
3. Biannual COG Testing (**Online** Successfully Completed between August 1, 2016 and October 31, 2016).

Paramedic Credential

1. All OMD Continuing Education Modules for Credential Level*
2. Skill Competencies: Must be completed by December 15, 2016
 - Pit Crew (Adult and Infant)
 - iGel/Blind Insertion Airway Device (BIAD)
 - Medication Administration Safety with Cross Check (any medication chosen)
 - Advanced Airway (Endotracheal Intubation, Nasotracheal Intubation, Needle Cric, Surgical Cric)
 - Medical or Trauma Scenarios
 - "Megacode"/Cardiac Arrest Scenarios
 - Chest Decompression
3. Biannual COG Testing (**Online** Successfully Completed between August 1, 2016 and October 31, 2016).

*OMD Continuing Education Modules, Skill Competency Evaluation documents and Online COG Testing can be found:

- The OMD Moodle Site www.atcomdce.org/Moodle - Contact Chris Parker for access if you don't already have an account (or aren't sure if you have an account). This site is for SFR's, EMT's, ILS, and ALS (if you do not have other access such as Blackboard or A/TCEMS's Medic-CE site) Chris.Parker@austintexas.gov
- The Blackboard Website if your organization subscribes – this will be for EMT-B and ILS Credentialed First Responders.
- The Austin/Travis County EMS Medic-CE is for A/TCEMS employees and ALS-Credentialed First Responders

For 2016 the OMD Continuing Education consists of:

Spring 2016:

- All OMD Spring CE – online modules
- EKG Practice (online modules) - required for all Credentialed Paramedics
- In person Lecture Session - required for all Credentialed Paramedics

Summer 2016:

- All OMD Summer CE – online modules
- EKG Practice (online modules) - required for all Credentialed Paramedics
- In person Lecture Session - required for all Credentialed Paramedics

Fall 2016:

- All OMD Fall CE – online modules
- EKG Practice (online modules) - required for all Credentialed Paramedics
- In person Lecture Session - required for all Credentialed Paramedics

The online COG testing in this program is **not for initial Credentialing**. Initial Credentialing is paper testing only by appointment with OMD staff.

Online testing will cover the current published COG information. The online testing will become available on August 1, 2016.

If someone is unsuccessful with their first online COG attempt, they must contact Chris Parker via e-mail to reset it. If he or she is unsuccessful a second time, the third attempt will be taken on paper with OMD Staff by appointment only (contact: Larry Arms or Chris Parker). This constitutes a total of three attempts. The individual must have all 3 attempts (2 online and 1 paper) completed no later than October 31, 2016.

- Failure to achieve a minimum score of 80% within the first 3 initial attempts by October 31, 2016; will result in the candidate being placed on an OMD Administrative hold for 10 days to allow time for review and remediation. The 4th attempt will not be allowed until the 10 days has expired. Any additional attempts if requested, are at the discretion of the Medical Director or his designee (s).
 - EMT-B, ILS or ALS candidates that elect to use a third exam attempt to credential at the a lower level (ECA or EMT-B) than initially tested, and are successful, will be issued a Credential Badge at the lower level. And, must remain out of any higher level credentialing process for a minimum of 3 months from the date of the third attempt.
- There must be a minimum of 24 hours between all attempts (online and paper).

The deadline for Education and Skills Competency completion is December 15, 2016. Completed organization rosters are due into the OMD by December 22, 2016. On January 4, 2017, anyone who has not completed their 2016 continuing education and skills competency requirements will be automatically placed on an OMD Administrative hold for up to 90 days. Accommodations for OJI/FMLA/Military Deployments will be coordinated with the OMD. Refer to Clinical Standard CS-29 for OMD Administrative Hold and OMDR-9 for Credential Maintenance Requirements.

As always if you have any questions or we can help you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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