Currently Licensed Paramedics in good standing in the NWC EMSS

**Seeking NREMT Paramedic Certification: 2021**

If your initial paramedic education program was completed more than two years ago and you are currently licensed as a paramedic in Illinois and are a NWC EMSS member in good standing, you may voluntarily seek NREMT registration via written and practical testing after submitting documentation verifying completion of a state-approved PM refresher course **or 48 hours of equivalent CE** approved by the EMS MD covering the NREMT’s mandatory and flexible core content **within the past 2 years** (5-2019 to 4-2021).

You may complete state or CECBEMS (F1, F2, F3\*, F5) approved CE equivalent to a Refresher Course if one is not required by your state. You may count education received in lectures, standardized courses (such as ABLS, ACLS, EMPACT, PEPP, PALS, PHTLS, ITLS, etc.), college courses, in-service training, case reviews, conferences, etc. You must ensure that you cover every topic within the four divisions of the mandatory core content. You must also cover each of the five divisions of the flexible core content; however, you are not required to cover each topic within the flexible core content. No limits during pandemic for Distributive Education hours (online, CECBEMS F3 video, magazine-based).

**Complete this CE verification form and submit to [cmattera@nch.org](mailto:cmattera@nch.org) before making application to the NREMT**

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| **DOB:** | **SS#:** | | | **PM license #:** | | | |
| **Email address:** | | | | **License exp date:** | | | |
| **NREMT Refresher Course Content** | | | | | | |  |
| **Mandatory Required content 24 hrs** | | | **NCH Content** | | **Date Offered** | **Date accrued** | **# hrs** |
| **Airway, Breathing and Cardiology**   * Provide ventilatory support for a pt * Attempt cardiac arrest resuscitation * Provide care to a pt who is experiencing CV compromise: cardiac arrest, post-resuscitation care, VADs, Stroke, CHF, ACS | | 8 hrs | Cardiac scenarios ACS; ECGs | | 3-21 |  | 2 |
| 12 L ECGs | | 4-21 |  | 2 |
| CA care bundles/ROSC care | | 5-19 |  | 1 |
| CA management | | 11-19 |  | 2 |
| Stroke | | 7-20 |  | 1 |
| **Medical Emergencies**   * Assess and provide care to a pt experiencing an allergic reaction * Assess pt w/ possible overdose * Submersion incidents (see below) * Special healthcare needs | | 3 hrs | Diabetes, elderly, extreme obesity | | 8-20 |  | 2 |
| Allergic reaction; submersion | | 5-20 |  | 1 |
| **Trauma**   * Perform a primary survey * Assess a pt with TBI * Assess/provide care to a pt with SCI * Provide care for chest injury * Provide care for an open abd. injury * Provide care to a pt who has shock/hypoperfusion | | 5 hrs | Trauma ITC/shock | | 8-19 |  | 2 |
| Head, facial, and spinal cord trauma | | 9-19 |  | 2 |
| Chest/abd trauma (adult) | | 10-19 |  | 1 |
| **Obstetrics and Pediatrics**   * Assess and provide care to an infant or child in cardiac arrest * Assess and provide care to an infant or child who has respiratory distress * Assess and provide care to an infant or child who has shock/ hypoperfusion * Assess and provide care to an infant or child who has trauma | | 8 hrs | Peds respiratory emergencies | | 2-21 |  | 2 |
| OB Emergencies | | 11-20 |  | 2 |
| Chest/abd trauma (peds) | | 10-19 |  | 1 |
| Peds medical; sp needs; assessment | | 10-20 |  | 2 |
| Peds Cardiac arrest | | 9-20 |  | 1 |
| **Subtotal Mandatory Content** | | | | | | |  |

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| **PRINT NAME:** | | | | | |
| **FLEXIBLE CORE CONTENT** | **24 hrs** | **NCH Content** | **Date Offered** | **Date accrued** | **# hrs** |
| **Airway, Breathing and Cardiology**   * Assess and provide care for an adult patient who has respiratory distress * Use oxygen delivery system components * Perform techniques to ensure a patent airway * Assess and provide care to a patient who is experiencing non-traumatic chest pain/discomfort | 8 hrs | Adult resp. emerg (airway) | 1-21 |  | 2 |
| Advanced airway competencies (X4) | 19-20 |  | 2 |
| Advanced airway competencies (X4)I | 20-21 |  | 2 |
| CA scenarios | 9-20 |  | 1.5 |
| ETI airway SOP for COVID-19 | 4-20 |  | 0.5 |
| ASA for ACS | 1-20 |  | 0.5 |
| **Medical Emergencies**   * Assess and provide care to a patient who has an altered mental status * Assess and provide care to a patient who has a history of diabetes * Assess and provide care to a patient who is experiencing a seizure * Assess and provide care to a patient who was exposed to heat or cold * Assess and provide care to a pt who is experiencing a behavioral problem * Assess and provide care to a pt who has a suspected communicable dx | 5 hrs | BEFAST doc.; drug admin principles; selective bypass; impaired behavior | 1-20 |  | 1.5 |
| Controlled substance mgt; Resp illness & PPE; Coronavirus | 2-20 |  | 2 |
| Psych/behavioral emergencies | 3-20 |  | 2 |
| **Trauma**   * Provide care to a patient who has a painful, swollen, deformed extremity * Assess and provide care to a patient who has a burn injury | 1 hr | Trauma: extremities | 10-19 |  | 0.5 |
| Cardiac arrest scenarios (trauma) | 9-20 |  | 0.5 |
| **Obstetrics and Pediatrics**   * Assess and provide care to an infant or child who has suspected non-accidental trauma or neglect * Assess and provide care to an infant or child who has a fever * Assess and provide care to an obstetric patient * Provide care to a newborn * Provide care to a mother following delivery of a newborn | 8 hrs | MIS-C in COVID-19 | 5-20 |  | 1 |
| Seizures | 7-20 |  | 1 |
| ETI in peds cardiac arrest | 4-20 |  | 0.5 |
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| **Operational Tasks - 2 hours**   * Use body mechanics when lifting and moving a patient * Communicate with a patient while providing care | 2 hrs | Refusal of care in decisional and non-decisional pts; communicating with patients while providing care: COVID-19 communication | 4-20 |  | 2 |
| **Subtotal Flexible Core Content** | | | | |  |
| **Total hours accrued** | | | | |  |

I verify that this candidate has completed a minimum of 48 hours of continuing education from May 2019 to present, through the Northwest Community EMS System that follows the National Registry’s guidelines for continuing education and the topic distribution of the NREMT Refresher Course. His or her practical skills are verified through skill labs in continuing education and through QA/QI within our system. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Mattera, MS, RN, PM at 847-618-4485.

Matthew T. Jordan, MD, FACEP; NWC EMSS EMS MD Date

**NREMT EXAM INFORMATION / INSTRUCTIONS**

**Certification Process**

National Paramedic (NRP) certification requires successful completion of both a cognitive and psychomotor exam. Passed portions of the exam (both cognitive and psychomotor) remain valid for a twelve (12) month period.

**Application Process WRITTEN (COGNITIVE) EXAM**

* Complete this CE form; submit to Connie Mattera ([cmatera@nch.org](mailto:cmatera@nch.org)) for signature. She will generate a letter to the NREMT attesting to your completion of the NREMT Refresher Course Content and return it to you.
* Provide the CE completion letter to the NREMT before applying for the written exam.
* Create a login on the NREMT website: [www.nremt.org](http://www.nremt.org) .
* [Complete a National Registry online application](https://www.nremt.org/Recertification/Candidate/InitialApplication/VerifyInitialAppInformation), including truthfully completing the Licensing Action and Criminal statements. [click here for more information on the NREMT Criminal Policy.](https://www.nremt.org/nremt/About/policy_felony.asp) The NREMT may deny certification or take other appropriate actions in regards to applicants for certification or recertification when a criminal conviction has occurred.
* Pay the application fee of $152 (US funds). The application fee is non-transferable and non-refundable. This fee is charged for each attempt of the cognitive examination.
* Candidates will receive an electronic Authorization to Test (ATT) once you are eligible for the exam. The electronic ATT contains scheduling instructions and important details concerning proper identification required at testing centers. You can find the ATT in the 'Check Application Status' page.

**COGNITIVE Examination**

The NREMT Paramedic (NRP) Paramedic cognitive exam is a computer adaptive test (CAT). The number of items a candidate can expect on the Paramedic (NRP) exam will range from 80 to 150. The maximum amount of time given to complete the exam is 2 hours and 30 minutes.

The exam will cover the entire spectrum of EMS care including: Airway, Respiration & Ventilation; Cardiology & Resuscitation; Trauma; Medical & Obstetrics/Gynecology; and EMS Operations. Items related to patient care are focused on adult and geriatric patients (85%) and pediatric patients (15%). In order to pass the exam, you must meet a standard level of competency. The passing standard is defined by the ability to provide safe and effective entry level advanced emergency medical care. The NREMT has adopted the 2020 AHA ECC Guidelines for item citations.

Starting 10-20, the NREMT started field testing technology enhanced multiple response items. See <https://www.nremt.org/Document/technologyenhanceditems> for details.

**Cognitive Exam Retest Information**

In the event you are unsuccessful passing the cognitive exam; the NREMT will provide feedback on your performance. You may apply to retest 15 days after your last examination.

Candidates are given six opportunities to pass the cognitive examination provided all other requirements for National EMS Certification are met. After three attempts, candidates must submit official documentation verifying completion of 48 hours of remedial training. The candidate is given three additional attempts to pass, provided all other requirements for National Certification are met. Candidates who fail to pass after a total of six attempts are required to repeat the entire Paramedic course

**PRACTICAL (Psychomotor) Examination**

On March 17, 2021, the NREMT implemented new psychomotor exam processes and/or forms. See: <https://www.nremt.org/News/National-Registry-Announces-Update-to-Advanced-Lev> Paramedic candidates are tested on six skills: Patient Assessment – Trauma, Dynamic Cardiology, Static Cardiology, Oral Station Case A, Oral Station Case B, and the Integrated Out-Of-Hospital Scenario.

In order to register for an Advanced Level Psychomotor Examination, you must first obtain a Psychomotor Authorization to Test (PATT) letter. Candidates will be required to provide their PATT number to reservation coordinators instead of their Social Security number. Candidates will also need to bring their PATT letter with them on the day of their examination to be admitted to the examination site.

Contact the National Registry at 614-888-4484 if you have questions..

**Application Process Psychomotor EXAM:**

* **Go online to** [**www.nremt.org**](http://www.nremt.org) **for specific instructions for applying for a PATT number.**
* Contact the exam coordinator for the site selected to see if they are still accepting applicants.
* **NCH 2021 test date: June 25, 2021** (no extra fee to test if System member)

**Psychomotor Exam Retest Information**

NRP candidates are allowed two full attempts to pass the psychomotor examination (one “full attempt” is defined as completing all skills and two retesting opportunities if so entitled).

Candidates who fail a full attempt or any portion of a second retest must submit official documentation of remedial training over all skills before starting the next full attempt of the psychomotor examination The official documentation must be signed by the Paramedic (NRP) Training Program Director or Physician Medical Director that verifies remedial training over all skills has occurred since the last unsuccessful attempt and the candidate has demonstrated competence in all skills.

Should a candidate fail the second full and final attempt of the psychomotor examination, the candidate must complete a new, state-approved and CAAHEP-accredited NRP Training Program to fully meet NREMT Certification standards.

Any passed portion of the examination, either the cognitive or psychomotor, will remain valid for a twelve (12) month period from the date of the examination, provided all other requirements for National Certification are fulfilled. Candidates not completing the failed portion of the examination within that twelve (12) month period will be required to repeat the invalid portion.

**ADA Compliance**

The NREMT complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and offers reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. Pearson VUE test centers are also ADA compliant.

Complete information about the NREMT Accommodations Disability Policy can be found on their website.