



El Dorado County Emergency Services Authority

Policy Subject Matter: **Field Internships - Accreditations**
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I. Policy:

Field Internship

- A. A field internship may be made available to a paramedic student who is sponsored by a JPA member district and who has a reasonable expectation of working within El Dorado County upon completion of field internship.
1. Only paramedic students from a primary training program approved by the State EMS Authority will be accepted for field internship.
 2. Field internships will be arranged through the JPA administrative office in coordination with the sponsoring fire district.
 3. The sponsoring fire district will be responsible to notify the local EMS Agency of the field internship in writing. Notification shall include:
 - a. Student's name
 - b. Name of primary training program
 - c. Internship assignment
 - d. Expected dates of field internship
 - e. Name of preceptor
- B. A field internship may be requested by a JPA member district for a paramedic student who is from outside El Dorado County at the discretion of the JPA member district. Consideration of such requests will be on a case-by-case basis.
1. In such circumstances, the student and/or the primary training program shall be responsible to reimburse the fire district providing the internship. .
 2. A paramedic intern from outside El Dorado County may perform only those skills and procedures included in the State scope of practice. .
 3. Only paramedic students from a primary training program approved by the State EMS Authority will be accepted for field internship.
 4. Field internships will be arranged through the sponsoring fire district.
 5. The interning fire district will be responsible to notify the local EMS Agency of the field internship in writing. Notification shall include:
 - a. Student's name
 - b. Name of primary training program
 - c. Internship assignment
 - d. Expected dates of field internship
 - e. Name of preceptor
- C. A field internship shall consist of a minimum of 480 hours and a maximum of 960 hours.

1. Performance evaluations shall be completed by the FTO as required by the primary training program using state approved field internship evaluation forms and criteria.
 2. The interning agency shall be responsible to promptly report any difficulties during field internship to the primary training program. and the JPA Executive Director.
- D. A paramedic internship may perform only those skills and procedures included in the State Scope of practice. and the El Dorado County expanded scope of practice.
- E. Only designated field training officer(s) may be utilized as field internship preceptors. The field preceptors shall be responsible for all patient care performed by a field intern under his/her supervision and to ensure compliance with all applicable policies and protocols.

Field Accreditation

- A. A field accreditation may be made available to an individual who is sponsored by a JPA member district and who has a reasonable expectation of working within El Dorado County upon completion of local accreditation.
1. Field accreditations will be arranged through the sponsoring fire district..
 2. The sponsoring fire district will be responsible to notify the local EMS Agency of a field accreditation in writing. Notification shall include:
 - a. Individual's name
 - b. Accreditation assignment
 - c. Expected dates of accreditation experience
 - d. Name of preceptor
- B. A field accreditation shall be conducted in accordance with local EMS Agency policy.
1. A performance evaluation shall be completed as required by the local EMS Agency.
 2. Any difficulties during field accreditation shall be reported promptly to the EMS Agency, the sponsoring fire district and the JPA Executive Director.
- C. Only designated field training officer(s) may be utilized to supervise a field accreditation. The FTO shall be responsible for all patient care performed during a field accreditation and to ensure compliance with all applicable policies and protocols.
- D. Field accreditation requirements may be met during a field internship successfully completed within El Dorado County.

II. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to outline the process for providing field internship and accreditation experiences within JPA member districts.



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