

**ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT MANUAL****EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 12, 2021 **AUTHORIZATION:** W. Scott Cluett, III, Director**TITLE:** Massachusetts Paramedic certification procedure based upon Massachusetts MD or DO, PA or RN licensure or registration**SUPERSEDES:** 11/10/2015**I. Purpose:**

To define the requirements and procedures for an applicant who is currently licensed or registered in Massachusetts as a physician (MD or DO), physician assistant (PA), or registered nurse (including nurse practitioner) (RN) to obtain Massachusetts certification as a Paramedic.

II. Requirements:

- A. The applicant must hold a current Massachusetts license or registration as a physician, physician's assistant, nurse or nurse practitioner. This license or registration must remain current and be in good standing with the applicant's respective licensing board throughout the process of obtaining certification as a Massachusetts Paramedic.
- B. The applicant must hold current Massachusetts EMT-Basic or Advanced EMT certification. This certification must remain current and be in good standing with OEMS throughout the process of obtaining certification as a Massachusetts Paramedic.
- C. The applicant must hold current Basic Cardiac Life Support (**BCLS**) course or equivalent, provided by a nationally recognized organization and reflecting current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and emergency cardiac care resuscitation science and treatment recommendations issued by the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR)'s International Consensus on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care Science With Treatment Recommendations (CoSTR).
- D. The applicant must hold current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (**ACLS**) course provided by a nationally recognized organization and reflecting current CPR and emergency cardiac care resuscitation science and treatment recommendations issued by the ILCOR's CoSTR.
- E. The applicant must affiliate with a Department-accredited Paramedic-level training institution (ATI) as an Advanced Placement/Prior Learning Assessment (AP/PLA) candidate. The ATI is responsible for verifying the application on the NREMT website and documenting that the applicant has successfully met the ATI's Paramedic course education requirements as an AP/PLA student and is therefore eligible to take the NREMT cognitive and psychomotor examinations. The ATI is required to attest to the applicant's successful completion of appropriate skills and abilities. The means of assessing successful completion requires reasonable evidence of these skills, and could include laboratory sessions, examinations, or appropriate verification of prior educational or job performance experiences.
 - a. In accordance with current Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)'s Committee on Accreditation of Emergency Medical Services Professions (COAEMSP) Policies and Procedures for Programs, Appendix 6, every

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candidate must complete a capstone field internship on an ambulance operating at the paramedic level of service, for an ambulance service licensed at the paramedic level of service. The applicant must be precepted by a Massachusetts certified Paramedic. The candidate must meet the field internship requirements outlined in AR 2-305 Minimum Skill Requirements for Paramedic Training in order to be eligible for program completion.

- F. Successfully complete the NREMT Paramedic certification process and obtain NREMT Paramedic certification.
- G. Submit to OEMS the following:
 - a) An application for Initial Massachusetts Paramedic Certification based on NREMT Paramedic certification
 - b) The required Massachusetts certification fee of \$150, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 - c) A copy of their current Massachusetts license or registration as a physician, physician's assistant, nurse or nurse practitioner
 - d) A copy of their current BCLS (CPR), ACLS and National Registry of EMTs Paramedic cards