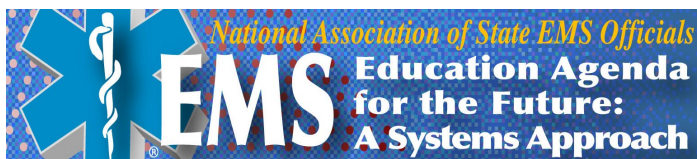
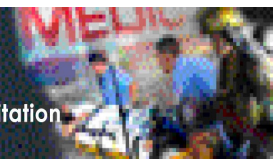


# Attention Paramedic Candidates: Is your program CAAHEP accredited??



National EMS Core Content  
National EMS Scope of Practice Model  
National EMS Education Standards  
National EMS Education Program Accreditation  
National EMS Certification



## IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN A PARAMEDIC PROGRAM OR EVALUATING PROGRAMS TO ENROLL...

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is the largest programmatic accreditor in the allied health sciences field. Nationally recognized accreditation is available for EMS education through CAAHEP's Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP). Since 2013, the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) requires successful completion of an accredited program as an eligibility requirement for National EMS Certification at the paramedic level. Currently, 44 states<sup>1</sup> utilize the NREMT in the state examination process for paramedic licensure. Successful completion of the NREMT exam is recognized in 4 states<sup>2</sup> that accept National EMS Certification as an *option* to state-based testing. Only two states<sup>3</sup> require state-based testing for initial licensure of paramedics. Candidates that graduate from a CAAHEP accredited program retain the ability to apply for national EMS certification that will enhance the ability to apply for reciprocity in the majority of states.

1. AL, AK, AR, AZ, CA, CT, DE, GA, HI, ID, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WV, and WI.
2. IL, MT, NC, and WY.
3. FL and NY.

CAAHEP's Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) has implemented a [Letter of Review \(LoR\) process](#), which will be the official designation that a Paramedic program is in the "Becoming Accredited" process. EMS Programs that have not completed the national accreditation process must have an active LoR on file for paramedic candidates to be eligible for National EMS Certification. The program accreditation requirement does not have an effect on paramedics who possessed an active state/territorial license prior to 2013 and it has NO bearing or impact on the recertification of licensed paramedics.

## WHAT SHOULD YOU CONSIDER IF YOU ARE ALREADY ENROLLED IN A NON-ACCREDITED PARAMEDIC PROGRAM?

- Paramedic candidates that graduate from a program not accredited by CAAHEP will become permanently ineligible for National EMS Certification through the NREMT.
- If your state requires CAAHEP accreditation or utilizes the NREMT for testing, you may already be ineligible to obtain a state paramedic license or apply for reciprocity in another state.
- Go to [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org) to verify that your program has an LoR on file.
- Ask your program director about the status/timeline to become accredited before you graduate.
- Consider future opportunities (including the lack of mobility/career opportunities) if you decide to complete your course of study at a non-accredited program in a state that permits state-based testing.



Verify the current accreditation status of any EMS program at [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org) under the "Find an Accredited Program" tab!

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