

CAAHEP and CoAEMSP Plans to Launch Voluntary AEMT Accreditation by January 1, 2025

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“Ensuring AEMT education programs have the professional resources to meet basic education standards is essential to the quality of AEMT education and the safety and well-being of communities nationwide,” said Lori Burns, MSN, RN, Chair of CoAEMSP. “Building on stakeholder feedback, beginning in 2025 the nation’s AEMT education programs will have the option to pursue accreditation, a voluntary activity that measures and assesses the quality of AEMT programs against agreed-upon standards. CoAEMSP is proud to lead efforts to develop this option for AEMT education programs nationwide as part of our work to foster a unified national EMS system of exceptional quality through accreditation.”

There are several steps prior to January 1, 2025, to gather perspectives and recommendations from stakeholders, develop and implement a voluntary programmatic accreditation at the AEMT level. Key milestones in advance of the launch include:

- **May – November 2023** - Robust stakeholder engagement and feedback
- **December 4, 2023** - Open for public comment the policies and interpretations of the CAAHEP *Standards* for AEMT education programs.
- **January 18, 2024** - Public comment period closes. (Feb 4, the CoAEMSP Board reviews the comments and approves the final draft)
- **March 4, 2024** - Publish policies and interpretations of the CAAHEP *Standards* for AEMT education programs.
- **June 1, 2024** - Make available all documents and forms for AEMT programs, including the Letter of Review (LoR) application, self-study report, site visit report, annual report, etc.
- **January 1, 2025** - Accept LoR applications from AEMT programs.

CoAEMSP will hold a [Virtual Town Hall](#) on June 16, 2023 to provide more information on the rollout of the voluntary accreditation for AEMT education programs. Additional information is available on the CoAEMSP [website](#).

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