New Policies Regarding AEMT Courses and Tuition Costs

This letter will outline new policies for the AEMT classes being offered at SUNY Canton this coming fall.

Item 1

Starting with the fall 2013 classes, the AEMT-Intermediate course is no longer offered by the State. Below are the new names for the current EMT certifications being offered by the State of New York BEMS (Bureau of Emergency Services):

- The national EMR* will be the new NYS CFR, with some additional training for NYS.
- The national EMT will be the new NYS EMT, with some additional training for NYS.
- **The national AEMT will replace the current NYS Intermediate level.**
- The NYS Critical Care will not change except for the EMT portion.
- The national Paramedic will be the new NYS Paramedic. (Not offered at SUNY Canton)

*EMR – Emergency Medical Responder

Anyone interested in becoming an ALS provider at what was the Intermediate level will now be enrolled into the AEMT class, which will start in the end of August and test out in March (not in December as we normally did with the Intermediate class).

Item 2

In order to continue to offer the Critical Care and AEMT courses, we have made changes to the policies of payment and reimbursement. In the past, only a few of the students that registered for the courses completed the requirements and passed the written exam. Because the State of New York provides reimbursement only for those students who successfully pass the state written exam, the ALS programs have been operating at a significant loss, putting them in jeopardy of continuing. As a result, these new changes will take affect for the fall 2013 semester. Please read over the following policies carefully.

- Full tuition cost for all students will be invoiced to their sponsoring department/agencies at the time of registration for the course.

  - [AEMT (Old Intermediate)] Tuition cost = $600
  - [Critical Care] Tuition cost = $1300 (two semesters)
- Students withdrawing from the course within **fourteen (14) days** of the first class session will incur no tuition, and that student’s tuition will be deducted from the initial invoice.
  
  - The student must notify the Course Program Director, in writing, of his/her intention to withdraw within this time period.

- Students withdrawing from the course **after 14 days and prior to October 1st** will incur 50% of the tuition and 50% will be deducted from the initial invoice.

- Students withdrawing any time **after October 1st**, or failing to pass the state written exam, will incur full tuition, and the initial invoice will remain the same.

- For any student completing the course requirements and passing the written exam, the balance for that student on the sponsoring agency/department invoice will drop to $0, and the EMT Training Program will voucher the State for reimbursement.

- For students who do not complete the course requirements and/or do not pass the written exam, the sponsoring agency/department is responsible for the full tuition amount. The sponsoring agency/department will receive an invoice upon release of the final test scores.

- Any agency/department that does not pay the invoice within sixty (60) days of mailing will be ineligible to sponsor any future students in the course until payment in full is remitted.

- Any invoice outstanding for more than sixty (60) days will be sent to the New York State Attorney General for collection.

We encourage sponsoring agencies/departments to carefully vet those students they wish to sponsor in the Critical Care or AEMT course. Please send students you expect to successfully complete the course and past the written test.

Agencies/departments may choose to seek reimbursement from students failing to successfully complete all of the course requirements. This is up to individual agencies/departments.

Any questions or need of further explanation or information, please contact me at the email address or telephone number below.

Thank you,

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