

Albuquerque Fire Department Contract Courses/Satellite

This annex serves to explain the differences and changes to the UNM EMS Academy Policies and/or Paramedic Program Handbook as it relates to EMS contract courses provided by UNM to Albuquerque Fire Rescue. The students enrolled into the AFR contract courses are selected by the UNM designated selection process and can be removed from training at any point for any reason by AFD. Once a student is removed from training by AFR the student is then also removed from any training provided by UNM.

Tuition and Fees

All tuition and fees are paid to UNM by the sponsoring fire department or EMS agency in accordance with the current Paramedic Training Contract.

Promotions and Evaluation Committee (PEC)

The UNM Program Director works closely with the AFR to ensure students success in the Paramedic program to include academic difficulty and professionalism concerns. AFR can remove any student from training due to professionalism concerns. If professionalism concerns arise that are not handled directly by AFD or the sponsoring EMS agency, the PEC committee may work with students who experience such issues. Course completion and certification will be based on successful completion of all academic requirements of the program, and compliance with all EMS Academy policies.

Immunizations

UNM is required to provide to their clinical affiliates evidence to include the date of administration and name of corresponding vaccine received. All students placed in clinical settings are required to have immunizations in accordance with the UNM HSC program requirements listed below.

1. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):

- a. TWO (2) DOSES after 1978

OR

- b. Titers (IgG) showing immunity for each disease: Rubeola, Rubella, and Mumps. COPIES OF LAB RESULTS ARE REQUIRED

2. TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis): Booster dose within last 10 years.

3. Hepatitis B: THREE (3) DOSE series completion must have documentation.

4. Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer (IgG): In addition to completing the Hepatitis B series, a Hepatitis B Surface Antibody Titer (IgG) for confirmation of immunity is required. A COPY OF LAB RESULTS IS REQUIRED.

5. Tuberculosis:

- a. A Two---Step Tuberculosis Skin Test (aka PPD—two separate placements and two separate results) is required within six (6) months of starting the 1st year in a health care program. A two---step skin test consists of:
- i. Placing a PPD and returning 7 days (1 week) later to have it read.

- ii. If the 1st test is negative (0mm in duration), another PPD is placed on the apposite arm returning in 48---72 hours to have it read.

OR

- b. A current **T---Spot or Quantiferon Gold TB** test within six (6) months of starting the program.
- c. **History of Positive TB Test:** Bring documentation of PPD result, chest X---ray result, and treatment completion.

NOTE: subsequent TB testing will be done annually: One PPD, T---Spot, or Quantiferon Gold. If history of a positive TB tests, the Positive PPD Questionnaire must be completed annually.

6. Varicella (Chicken Pox):

- a. Proof of TWO (2) doses of Varicella vaccine

OR

- b. Positive Varicella Titer (IgG): a COPY OF LAB RESULTS IS REQUIRED

7. **Seasonal Influenza Vaccine:** Must provide documentation of vaccine.

A copy of the student's immunization record with corresponding dates must be submitted to the Operations Specialist at the UNM EMS Academy in order for a student to be eligible to participate in clinical rotations.

** Additional clinical compliance requirements available in paramedic program handbook.*

Inclement Weather Policy

Classroom attendance at Albuquerque Fire Rescue may be delayed or canceled either by AFR Satellite Lead Instructor AFR Administration or UNM EMS Academy.

Adverse and/or Corrective Action Policy and Procedure

AFD and sponsoring agencies will be notified when any adverse and/or corrective action is taken against a student, including a coaching document if students have a FERPA release on file. Additionally AFR program personnel will send all coaching documentation to UNM for approval prior to a student coaching meeting. AFR internal employment/HR procedures/actions are considered separate from the paramedic course and will be handled only by AFR.

Paramedic Course Grading

Students will be held to all published Paramedic Program requirements and grading scales/standards.

Paramedic Clinical and Capstone Field Internship

All clinical coordination, scheduling and assignment will be done by the respective UNM EMS Academy Director/Asst. Director of Clinical Education.

Course Eligibility

Students must maintain current NM state licensure at the EMT or EMT-Intermediate level and maintain a current card for CPR at the Health Care Provider/Professional level for the duration of their enrollment in the Paramedic program. Students failing to maintain their certification will be removed from the program.