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To: EMS Training Centers

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Wisconsin EMS Curricula

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care (OPEHC) is notifying EMS Training Centers that [updated curricula](#) is available for emergency medical responder (EMR), emergency medical technician (EMT), and advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT) levels. The revised curricula should be implemented as soon as practical without undue delay. Training centers can continue to offer local curriculum implementation requirements until it is reasonable to transition to the new curricula. EMS Training Centers may notify DHS of updates to their courses by completing an EMS Training Center Course Application through the E-Licensing System for the course being modified or added.

The format of the new curricula differs significantly from the previous curricula. While the new curricula still outlines the necessary content to include in an EMR, EMT, or AEMT course, it does not go into the depth and breadth breakdown of that material to the same degree as the previous curricula. Within the new curricula, depth and breadth within the domains for a particular subject area are instead indicated by the use of specific verbs. For example, use of “analyze” for a particular topic indicates a greater depth and breadth within the cognitive domain than the use of “identify.” In addition, the new curricula are not as prescriptive in setting standards for implementation of the curricula. Details of classroom activities, lesson planning, and other similar functions have been omitted, where possible, from state curricula. They are instead left for individual training centers and instructors to develop.

The [updated curricula](#) is available on the DHS website.

If you have any specific questions, send an email to dhsemssmail@dhs.wisconsin.gov.