



PARAMEDIC ACCREDITATION ONLINE MATERIALS GUIDE

The following document outlines the materials which need to be studied prior to taking the Los Angeles County Paramedic Accreditation Examination. Please contact your Paramedic Coordinator for your agency or the Program Director of your paramedic training program for registration and scheduling of the accreditation examination. All application requirements as outlined in Ref. No. 1006, Paramedic Accreditation or Ref No, 903, Paramedic Intern Clinical Experience and Field Internship Requirements must be completed to register and receive a confirmation letter of your scheduled exam date. A copy of this confirmation letter will be sent to the Paramedic Coordinator/Program Director. Download the materials and manuals from the EMS Agency Web site at <http://ems.dhs.lacounty.gov>. The study materials and objectives are located in section "EMS Educational Modules" or "Certification/Accreditation" and the Policy Manual is located in "Manuals and Protocols."

Accreditation Study Materials and Objectives

Materials must be studied carefully prior to the examination in order to ensure successful completion. The accreditation materials content list outlines the study materials for the course. Accreditation learning objectives will direct you to either the handouts in the study materials or to reference numbers for Los Angeles County EMS Agency Policies in the Prehospital Policy Manual.

LA County Prehospital Manual

The manual is divided into 13 sections. For the purpose of the program, study each reference number as indicated in the objectives in the study packet, the 1200 section policies (treatment protocols) and the 1300 section policies (medical control guidelines). Additional policies relevant to your specific agency should be reviewed after completion of this course.

For example one learning objective reads:

State the responsibilities of the Base Hospital in supervising the medical competencies of paramedics and MICNs.

Reference #304

Go to Roman numeral section III to find this reference number and so on.

While working as a paramedic in LA County it is your responsibility to understand and follow the Treatment Protocols and Medical Control Guidelines.

You will **not** be tested on the Standing Field Treatment Protocol (SFTP) component of the Treatment Protocols for LA County. If you are employed by a provider that uses SFTPs, training will be provided by them.

The LA County Kids reference sheets are based on the color-coded Broselow tape used throughout the nation. Any drug treatment doses ordered on children who are less than 5 feet in height shall be obtained from these cards and not from the actual Broselow tape.

Skills Information

Included is a guide to skills in the Los Angeles County Paramedic Scope of practice.

Nuclear Biological Chemical/ Weapons of Mass Destruction (NBC/WMD)

This class must be taken within 6 months of accreditation application for paramedics (prior to application for paramedic interns) and verification must be submitted to the EMS Agency. The current schedule of upcoming NBC/WMD classes offered by the Disaster Section of LA County EMS is included as part of the materials. If you feel that you have taken a similar class, submit a copy of the learning objectives and completion certificate to the Office of Certification. We will determine if the class meets the content of the LA County NBC/WMD class to receive credit for this requirement.

For enlightenment

Two handouts in the course materials titled "Effect of Out-of-Hospital Pediatric Endotracheal Intubation on Survival and Neurological Outcome" and "Burn Form" are for your enlightenment to assist you in understanding these elements of our system.

Contact your Paramedic Coordinator or Paramedic Training Program Director for information, requirements, and registration for the accreditation course. All communication is facilitated between these personnel and the EMS Agency.

Any questions regarding accreditation or the examination date may be directed to the Office of Certification:

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