

**Chapter: COUNTY Of SAN DIEGO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**  
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**SUBJECT:** Guidelines for Placement of Paramedic  
Interns in San Diego County

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## I. PURPOSE

To assist with the clinical and field internship placement of paramedic students and to enable the quality management of paramedic internships

## II. BACKGROUND

### A. Definitions

'In-County' Paramedic  
Training Program:

Any paramedic training agency, regardless of physical location, that has been approved by the County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services (CoSD EMS) as an approved Paramedic Training Agency. For a list of County approved Paramedic Training Programs, refer to the CoSD EMS website at: [www.sandiegocountyems.com](http://www.sandiegocountyems.com).

'Out-of-County' Paramedic  
Training Program:

Any paramedic training agency that has been approved by a local EMS agency (LEMSA) other than CoSD EMS.

## III. POLICY

A. All paramedic interns shall apply for paramedic intern status using the CoSD EMS LEMSIS portal using the "Other Healthcare Professional" application. This allows

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paramedic interns to properly access and document ALS-level treatments in ePCR platforms used by CoSD EMS providers.

**B.** All paramedic students trained by San Diego County paramedic training programs who will seek an internship with a San Diego County Paramedic Agency will submit the appropriate Other Healthcare Professional application form to obtain Paramedic Intern status for use in documentation.

The requirements for Paramedic Intern status for in-county trainees includes:

1. Verification of in-county training (letter from the program's clinical coordinator, transcript, etc.) **AND**
2. Current Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) card/eCard **AND**
3. Current EMT/AEMT certification, as outlined below:
  - i. Current Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification which shall remain current throughout the Paramedic student's internship, **OR**
  - ii. Current Advanced EMT (AEMT) certification which shall remain current throughout the Paramedic student's internship, **OR**
  - iii. Be currently registered as an EMT-Intermediate with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) which shall remain current throughout the Paramedic student's internship

**C.** All paramedic students trained by paramedic training programs outside of San Diego County who seek an internship with a San Diego County Paramedic Agency will submit the appropriate Other Healthcare Professional application form to obtain Paramedic Intern status for use in documentation. The requirements for Paramedic Intern status for Out-of-County trainees includes:

1. Verification of out-of-county training (letter from the program's clinical coordinator, transcript, etc.) **AND**
2. Proof of completion of the Paramedic Accreditation Workshop **AND**
3. Current Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) card/eCard **AND**
4. Current EMT/AEMT certification, as outlined below:

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- i. Current Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification which shall remain current throughout the Paramedic student's internship, **OR**
  - ii. Current Advanced EMT (AEMT) certification which shall remain current throughout the Paramedic student's internship, **OR**
  - iii. Be currently registered as an EMT-Intermediate with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) which shall remain current throughout the Paramedic student's internship
- D.** 'Out-of-County' Paramedic Training Agencies shall supply to the provider agency/hospital a fully executed copy of a contract that will outline the process for monitoring the paramedic intern as well as the process that will be followed should it be necessary to terminate the internship.
- E.** Paramedic Agencies hosting Paramedic Interns shall add the Paramedic Intern to their agency roster in LEMSIS for the duration of the internship. This allows the intern to document ALS-level treatments in LEMSIS.