



March 19, 2018

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Dear Dr. Scott:

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) is pleased to inform you of its vote on **March 16, 2018** to award **continuing accreditation** to the Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic program at Southwestern Oregon Community College, Coos Bay, OR.

The recent peer review conducted by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoA EMSP) and CAAHEP's Board of Directors recognizes the program's substantial compliance with the nationally established accreditation Standards. The next comprehensive evaluation of the program, including an on-site review, is scheduled to occur no later than **2023**.

The CoA EMSP will regularly monitor the program's compliance with the outcomes assessment thresholds through the program's Annual Report as well as other documentation that may be requested (Standard IV.B.).

The following citation merits your institution's attention and resolution in order to strengthen the program's compliance with the Standards (for a complete copy of the Standards, check the CAAHEP website at [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org), or call the office at 727-210-2350):

#### **III.D. Resources - Resource Assessment**

**The program must, at least annually, assess the appropriateness and effectiveness of the resources described in these Standards.**

**The program must include results of resource assessment from at least students, faculty, medical director(s), and advisory committee using the CoAEMSP resource assessment tools.**

**The results of resource assessment must be the basis for ongoing planning and appropriate change. An action plan must be developed when deficiencies are identified in the program resources.**

**Implementation of the action plan must be documented and results measured by ongoing resource assessment.**

Rationale: There is no evidence of measurement of the appropriateness and effectiveness of the resources prescribed in these Standards. There is no evidence that the program conducted a resource assessment on an annual basis incorporating all program stakeholders input required to successfully complete the Resource Assessment Matrix (RAM). Resources assessment results are not the basis for planning and appropriate change, and there is no evidence of any action plan development and implementation resulting from assessment of identified deficiencies, if any.

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Post Site Visit Response: The program described how the sponsor ensures that the program assesses the appropriateness and effectiveness of resources at least annually, includes the results of resources assessment from students, faculty, program Medical Director(s) and the program Advisory Committee, and uses the results of that annual resource assessment as the basis for ongoing planning and appropriate change.

The program also submitted a completed CoAEMSP Resource Assessment Matrix (RAM). The program provided a narrative stating an action plan is being developed to address any deficiency(ies) identified including timelines for implementation and assessment of action plan effectiveness; however, no action plan was provided.

*Describe the resource deficiency(ies) identified by the program, if any. Submit the comprehensive action plan(s) developed to address any deficiency(ies) identified including timelines for implementation and assessment of action plan effectiveness.*

CAAHEP requests that a progress report, **using the progress report template provided**, be sent **electronically to karen@coaemsp.org** by **September 01, 2018** indicating the manner in which this citation has been resolved.

Failure to respond satisfactorily to the citation above may result in a withdrawal of accreditation.

The accreditation standards are established by CAAHEP, CoA EMSP, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Ambulance Association (AAA), American College of Cardiology (ACC), American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP), American College of Surgeons (ACS), American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA), International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO), National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP), and the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE).

The commission commends you and your colleagues for your commitment to continuous quality improvement in education, as demonstrated by your participation in program accreditation. Questions concerning the submission or content of the progress report should be directed to the CoA EMSP Executive Office.

Sincerely,



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President

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