

Utah EMSC Coordinator Program

Utah Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) is a public/private partnership between the Utah Department of Health, Bureau of EMS and Primary Children's Medical Center. The goal of Utah EMSC is Promote an integrated EMS and Trauma Response system to reduce the morbidity and mortality of Utah's and the Intermountain region's pediatric population by working in partnership to 1) promote and support injury prevention, 2) deliver culturally competent training, and 3) conduct performance improvement activities for communities and health care providers.

Beginning in 1999, Utah EMSC established what is presently known as the EMSC Coordinator Program. The purpose of the Utah EMSC Coordinator Program is to create a pool of EMS Instructors who could promote pediatrics by 1) teaching and coordinating educational programs and 2) promoting and conducting injury prevention activities. Through the EMSC Coordinator program, pediatric education has been disseminated throughout the state and has increased the comfort level and expertise of EMS providers. Your interest and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated and respected and many of you have become the "local experts" in pediatrics.

As Coordinators you are the EMSC representative for your counties. You play a key role in circulating pediatric education across the state. We invite you to network with all pediatric healthcare providers; pre-hospital providers, hospitals, and even clinics and doctor's offices within your counties. When the state produces pediatric education (newsletters, prevention programs, etc) we would like to know that by handing it to our Coordinators it will be distributed throughout the state of Utah.

Because the EMSC Coordinator program is supported by federal grant funding, quality assessment must occur for the program's activities. Thus, Utah EMSC developed the idea of "Qualifying Activities" for EMSC Coordinators in order to document their activities and create evaluation measures for the program. In order to maintain EMSC Coordinator status, 3 Qualifying Activities must be conducted within each calendar year. Utah EMSC will continue to financially supplement EMSC Coordinators in meeting their coordinator requirements. By requiring these activities, we hope to create a stronger link between Utah EMSC and the EMSC Coordinators throughout the state and ensure the continuation of funding for this essential program.

Utah EMSC Coordinator Requirements

Coordinator Qualifications Utah EMSC Coordinators must:

1. Currently work for a Utah EMS agency/hospital as an EMT, Paramedic, RN, Advanced RN, MD, or approved by Utah EMSC;
2. Current Bureau of EMS Instructor status, and/or approved educator by Utah EMSC.
3. Current PEPP/PALS Provider. If you need this certification or are lapsed, please talk to Lead Coordinator, Andy Ostler.

Annual Requirements must be met to maintain Coordinator status:

1. Complete three qualifying activities each year. See the Utah EMSC Coordinator Qualifying Activities document below.

2. Update the online Utah EMSC Coordinator Report Form as qualifying activities are completed. The annual time period for qualifying events is January 01 to December 31. Documentation must be complete no later than February 01 of the year following this time period.

3. Attend the annual Utah EMSC Coordinator Update/Retreat. Attendance is mandatory unless written excuse is obtained in advance from EMSC Lead Coordinator, Andy Ostler. Your input at the retreat is essential in reviewing EMSC goals and determining the direction of the program. Please note that retreats do not count as a qualifying activity.

Compensation

1. Much of your work in EMSC is voluntary and comes from your commitment to improving pediatric care in your communities. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate your time and effort.

2. When you aid in EMSC sponsored teaching such as PEPP and PALS classes or you are asked to oversee a specific state sponsored event, you may be compensated for your time and travel. These events do count as qualifying activities. Coordinators available and closest to the event will be chosen first. This is most cost effective for the grant.

3. The annual retreat is paid for by EMSC and usually includes food and accommodations.

Utah EMSC Coordinator Qualifying Activities

The following are some ideas for qualifying events. You can contact EMSC with other ideas and they can be approved if they meet criteria.

- Bike Rodeo
- Buckle Tough Booth
- Hosting of a PEPP Class
- Assist in teaching a PEPP Class
- Hosting of a PALS Class
- Assisting in teaching a PALS Class
- Presenting any of the modules developed for CME
- Spot the Tot booth or CME
- First Aid training involving pediatrics
- Daycare training – First aid and/or CPR
- Children with Special Health Care Needs- enrollment- teaching about the registry, etc.
- Broselow training
- Backboard training
- Helmet awareness bike, scooter, ATV etc.
- EMT initial training pediatric portions
- Scout training- pediatric specific
- Safety Fairs
- Conference presentations

Utah EMSC Coordinator Application

NAME: _____ LICENSE/CERTIFICATION _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP _____

COUNTY: _____ CONTACT PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (REQUIRED): _____

AGENCY/HOSPITAL: _____

AGENCY/HOSPITAL PHONE: _____

SUPERVISOR'S NAME: _____ MAY WE CONTACT THEM? _____

CURRENT PEPP/PALS PROVIDER? _____

(Please include a copy of current certification cards)

DATE COURSE COMPLETED: _____

COURSE COORDINATOR: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

If you are not a current PEPP/PALS Provider are you willing to become certified within your first year?

I testify that I currently work for a Utah Hospital/EMS Agency as an EMT, Paramedic, RN, Advanced RN, MD or am approved by EMSC. I assert that I am a Utah Bureau of EMS/EMSC approved instructor. I intend to meet the Utah EMSC Coordinator requirements listed in this application for at least one year.

Signature

Send/E-mail application to:

Utah EMSC, Bureau of EMS, Attn: Andy Ostler

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