

Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency
EMS System Policies and Procedures

Policy: **Flight Nurse Accreditation** #262.00

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I. AUTHORITY

Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1797.56; 1797.210 and; 1797.220. Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 100169(b)(7).

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Agency" means the Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency.
- B. "Flight Nurse" or "FN" means a registered nurse who is functioning pursuant to Section 2725 of the Business and Professions Code who has been authorized by the Medical Director of the Tuolumne County EMS Agency as qualified to provide prehospital advanced life support within the Tuolumne County EMS System according to standardized procedures developed by the Tuolumne County EMS Agency.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for issuing FN Accreditation in the Tuolumne County EMS System in accordance with the requirements of Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5 and Title 22, California Code of Regulations.

IV. POLICY

- A. In order to be eligible for FN Accreditation by the Tuolumne County EMS Agency an individual shall:
1. Possess a valid and current California Registered Nurse's License;
 2. Possess current American Heart Association (AHA) Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification.
 3. Possess current PALS or PEEP certification;
 4. Possess current PHTLS, ITLS, TNCC, TNATC or other trauma related certification approved by the EMS Agency;
 5. Complete a statement stating that the individual applying for accreditation is not precluded from accreditation to practice as an

- FN for reasons defined in Section 1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code;
 6. Pay an accreditation fee established by the Board of Supervisors;
 7. Successfully complete an orientation of the Tuolumne County EMS System;
 8. Possess course completion certificates for OES Region IV Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) Hospital Operations or agree to obtain such training within six (6) months of applying for accreditation.
 9. Successfully pass with a score of 80% or higher an examination of the Tuolumne County EMS Agency Prehospital Treatment Guidelines.
 10. Submit proof of employment or promise of employment with an Air Ambulance Provider permitted by the Tuolumne County EMS Agency.
- B. The medical director shall evaluate any candidate who fails to successfully complete the evaluation or the Prehospital Treatment Guidelines Examination or demonstrate knowledge and competency and recommend further evaluation or training as required, or take other license review action deemed necessary in accordance with the provisions of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 6.
- C. In order to be eligible for FN re-accreditation in the Tuolumne County EMS System an individual shall:
1. Maintain State of California Licensure as a registered nurse;
 2. Maintain ACLS certification in;
 3. Maintain PALS or PEEP certification;
 4. Maintain PHTLS, ITLS, TNCC, TNATC or other trauma related certification approved by the EMS Agency;
 5. Complete four (4) hours of organized field care audits/Base Station Meetings (i.e. Tape reviews). Two (2) hours must be attained within Tuolumne County; and
 6. Apply for FN re-accreditation before the expiration date of their current FN Accreditation;
- D. The Tuolumne County EMS Agency shall notify individuals applying for accreditation or re- accreditation of the decision to accredit within thirty (30) days of submission of a complete application packet.

V. PROCEDURE

- A. A registered nurse desiring to be accredited as FN by the Tuolumne County EMS Agency shall complete and submit to the Tuolumne County EMS Agency in person or via U.S. Mail:
1. A completed Tuolumne County EMS Agency Application for Paramedic/Flight Nurse Accreditation;

2. A photocopy of their current State of California Registered Nurse License;
 3. A photocopy of their State of California Driver's License or Identification Card;
 4. Proof of course completion for OES Region IV Multi-Casualty Incident (MCI) Hospital Operations or a signed statement agreeing to obtain such training within six (6) months of applying for accreditation;
 5. Proof of ACLS certification;
 6. Proof of PALS or PEEP certification;
 7. Proof of PHTLS, ITLS, TNCC, TNATC or other trauma related certification approved by the EMS Agency;
 8. Submit proof of employment or promise of employment with an Air Ambulance Provider permitted by the Tuolumne County EMS Agency.
 9. Payment of the accreditation fee.
- B. A FN desiring to be re-accredited as FN by the Tuolumne County EMS Agency shall submit to the Tuolumne County EMS Agency in person or via U.S. Mail:
1. A completed Tuolumne County EMS Agency Application for Paramedic/Flight Nurse Accreditation;
 2. A photocopy of their current State of California Registered Nurse License;
 3. A photocopy of their State of California Driver's License or Identification Card;
 4. A photocopy of their current FN Accreditation card;
 5. Proof of completing required pre-hospital EMS continuing education;
 6. Proof of ACLS certification;
 7. Proof of PALS or PEEP certification;
 8. Proof of PHTLS, ITLS, TNCC, TNATC or other trauma related certification approved by the EMS Agency;
 9. Submit proof of employment with an Air Ambulance Provider permitted by the Tuolumne County EMS Agency.
- C. Individuals who apply for re-accreditation after their FN accreditation has lapsed, the individual shall complete the requirements of subsection IV, C, above, as well as:
1. For lapses of more than six months or more, but less than twelve months, complete an additional two (2) hours of organized field care audits/Base Station Meetings (i.e. Tape reviews) attained within Tuolumne County.
 2. For lapses of twelve months or more, but less than twenty-four months, complete additional four (4) hours of organized field care

audits/Base Station Meetings (i.e. Tape reviews). Two (2) hours must be attained within Tuolumne County.

3. For lapses greater than twenty-four months the individual shall complete additional four (4) hours of organized field care audits/Base Station Meetings (i.e. Tape reviews). Two (2) hours must be attained within Tuolumne County and fulfill all requirements for initial FN Accreditation, including all fees.