



## National Association of State EMS Officials

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Dear EMS colleague:

As the professional association that represents state lead agencies for EMS, the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) has taken the primary role in coordinating implementation of the EMS Education Agenda. In this role, NASEMSO has been working with various EMS stakeholders to provide information and resources to support implementation of the *Education Agenda*. NASEMSO has established a “Gap Analysis Template” to help states and the EMS community determine the variances between the NSC and *Education Standards*. Communications among our members and partners suggests that the National Standard Curricula (NSC) are headed for obsolescence as the new Education Standards are implemented. NASEMSO has identified the need for coordination between educational programs and state EMS offices prior to using the *Education Standards* to ensure that:

- the state has adopted the scope of practice levels consistent with the *Scope of Practice Model*.
- the state has defined any instructor qualifications that must be met prior to using the *Education Standards*.
- a transition process for existing EMS personnel and instructors has been identified.
- adequate text and support materials are in place for program delivery.
- certification is based on the *Education Standards*.

Publisher texts and curriculum materials are already beginning to reflect the new National EMS Education Standards but less is known about the **specific types of resources that are needed** by states, EMS programs, and educators to proceed with transitioning to the *Education Standards* while facilitating the broader implementation of the *Education Agenda*. In conjunction with national EMS organizations, NASEMSO is trying to ascertain/differentiate needs from individual faculty to the EMS program level. We invite the EMS education community to participate in our online Basic Life Support (BLS) and/or Advanced Life Support (ALS) surveys to help us identify this priority of needs so that we can strategize about the development of resources.

### INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEYS:

1. Determine who will provide the institutional or program response for the survey. When feasible, **EMS PROGRAM MANAGERS/DIRECTORS** should coordinate with **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF** to provide a single submission from your EMS Program at the BLS and/or ALS level(s.)
2. Although individual responses are welcome, when feasible, we would prefer that **EMS EDUCATORS/INSTRUCTORS** from a single program coordinate with **FACULTY COLLEAGUES** to provide a single submission from your EMS Program at the BLS and/or ALS level(s.)
3. You can preview the survey questions at <http://www.nasemso.org/EMSEducationImplementationPlanning/index.asp>.
4. **To respond to the BLS survey, please go to--**  
[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=qU18eb3pbjXtypAsvFPBCg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=qU18eb3pbjXtypAsvFPBCg_3d_3d)
5. **To respond to the ALS survey, please go to—**  
[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=kH\\_2bDMR8\\_2bTZBKM3RF\\_2fP4i3g\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=kH_2bDMR8_2bTZBKM3RF_2fP4i3g_3d_3d)
6. The deadline for the survey responses is December 4, 2009.

It should not take more than 10 minutes to complete the survey. **PLEASE NOTE: DO NOT BEGIN THE SURVEY UNLESS YOU HAVE TIME TO COMPLETE IT. ONCE YOU EXIT THE SURVEY, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN TO REVIEW OR REVISE YOUR ANSWER!!** Questions for completing the survey can be directed to NASEMSO Program Manager, Kathy Robinson at [robinson@nasemsso.org](mailto:robinson@nasemsso.org). Thank you very much for your participation!!

Sincerely,

***Dan Manz***

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