



CHARLOTTESVILLE-ALBEMARLE RESCUE SQUAD Clinical Review and Training

Paramedic Student Field Preception Policy

Purpose: To define the scope of practice for paramedic students and preceptors.

I. Affiliation

- A.** Field preception may only occur in the presence of an agreement between the teaching facility and the Clinical Review and Training Committee.
- B.** The following are eligible to precept at Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad (CARS):
 - i.** Any student enrolled in the paramedic program as defined in section I.A
 - ii.** Students with the approval of the course director for the program in section I.A

II. Preceptors

- A.** Preceptors must meet the following criteria:
 - i.** Virginia registered Paramedic
 - ii.** Preferred time duration of at least 3 years since initial Paramedic certification
 - 1.** This may be decreased at the direction of the course Operational Medical Director.
 - iii.** Approval of Clinical Review & Training Committee.
 - iv.** Approval of course Medical Director.

III. Procedures

- A.** Precepted shifts must be scheduled in advance with the preceptor and with the course Director.
 - i.** No more than one student will be assigned to a preceptor for a given shift.
- B.** The student will remain on an ambulance with the designated preceptor for the duration of the shift.
- C.** Calls which occur outside of pre-planned, designated shifts will not count as precepted Team Leader hours.
 - i.** The student may only collect skills on a level at which he/she is released at CARS.
- D.** Individual skills may be performed in the presence of an approved preceptor, but these skills may not be performed unless the student completes the call in its entirety.
- E.** Practice during precepted shifts will be under the direction of the course Medical Director.
- F.** Skills are limited to those defined by the course director.