

UCD CENTRE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCE

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

for

NQEMT (National Qualification in Emergency Medical Technology)

POLICY DOCUMENT

A PURPOSE

The purpose of consideration of RPL for NQEMT is to facilitate those in paramedic practice who, for whatever reason, completed NQEMT training but did not pursue the parallel award of UCD Diploma in Emergency Technology or Diploma in Emergency Medical Science.

The RPL is designed to facilitate continued work practice, in association with class attendance at UCD Belfield. This is achieved through demonstration of satisfactory completion of self-directed learning, submission of case reviews and an exit panel examination. Some attendance dates are compulsory and will fall within normal timetable of Year 2 Dip EMS. On satisfying the admission criteria, applicants will be invited to register directly to the next available Year 2 of the Dip EMS subject to availability of places. The full fee listing information available at: www.ucd.ie/fees.

Those who satisfy sections B and C below will be awarded the UCD Diploma in Emergency Medical Science.

B COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

Candidates registered directly to year two will be required to satisfy the following criteria:

1. Attend a range of scheduled Year 2 Dip EMS UCD teaching sessions
2. Submit case based assignments of three patient reviews ; one each of medical, trauma and extremes of lifespan
3. Submit a Patient Intervention Log of a minimum of 40 patient contacts of which a minimum of 30 document AS1 calls including intervention and treatment; some retrospective records may be submitted by agreement with CEMS
4. Submit CPC portfolio demonstrating ongoing professional development
5. Undergo a practical assessment in the workplace, i.e. supervised ambulance shifts
6. Successfully complete a final exit oral examination

C ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Each application will be assessed individually. Applicants must, in the first instance, satisfy the following criteria:

1. Submit application form and current curriculum vitae indicating all relevant education, training and experience
2. Be entered on the PHECC Register at the level of Paramedic
3. Produce verification of NQEMT completion, or equivalent
4. Produce verification that applicant is currently in active paramedic practice
5. If requested, attend for UCD Admission Interview

D HOW TO APPLY

Please request an application form by emailing cics@ucd.ie or call 01 716 6665