Paramedic Challenge Policy

**PURPOSE:** To ensure a consistent challenge process for RN, PA and MD challenge candidates.

**POLICY:** All eligible Paramedic Challenge students must meet all aspects of the procedure below. Failure to do so will disqualify the applicant from completing the paramedic challenge process.

**DATE:** March 24, 2019

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Demonstrate competency in all skills found in the paramedic scope of practice. National Registry Skills Sheets are the guide for our skills book which you need to purchase. You will also be required to take the National Registry practical and written test upon completion of all training requirements per Title 22 Regulations.
2. Provide copy of your nursing license and MICN certificate to satisfy the requirement that you have the equivalent didactic knowledge.
3. Complete a background Livescan/Drug Screening as required by clinical and field sites.
4. Per Title 22 Article 5, 100164 (a) – (c) you must have equivalent training as a paramedic. There are a number of topics and skills that nurses, PA’s and perhaps MD’s are not typically taught. See most current Title 22 Regulations Chapter 4 for scope of practice. For needed areas of instruction:
   1. A prescheduled didactic and practical education that corresponds with the current paramedic class must be set.
   2. Documented clinical experience
      1. Supervised live intubations for adult and pediatric patients if needed.
      2. If unable to document pediatric care experience a modified 12-hour clinical rotation would be scheduled through Children’s.
   3. Obtain ICS Certification in ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 (can be obtained online for free through FEMA).
   4. Obtain PHTLS (or ITLS), PEPP or PALS, and ACLS.
5. Successfully pass a comprehensive protocol exam covering San Diego County EMS prehospital protocols.
6. Take the didactic final exam that we require our students to complete.
7. Complete a paramedic field internship which meets the following requirements
   1. Obtain a minimum of 40 ALS contacts.
   2. Complete no less than 20 24-hour supervised intern shifts (min of 480 hours) with evaluations completed on each response.
   3. Demonstrate consistent competency as “team leader” on documented ALS contacts as evaluated by a paramedic field preceptor.