

Comparison Educational Standards & Colorado Scope of Practice

Educational Standards Content: White columns reflect National Educational Standards © 2009

Colorado Scope of Practice: Colored columns reflect 2013 scope of practice

Please Note:

Scope of practice for the state of Colorado does include some skills that are addressed in text books but do not appear in educational standards, for example: PEFT, PEEP, TIH, small dose nebulizers and others. This is likely due to the date the Educational Standards were released, and innovations or procedures that have become “standard of care” since 2009. It was assumed for the purpose of this document, that if content is addressed in text books it was part of the regular coursework and would be tested by national registry.

If there are skills or procedures that appear in the Colorado scope of practice and are not included in textbooks or in the Educational Standards, the specialty training requirement is indicated in the appropriate column for that level of certification.

STR	Specialty/ Specific Training Requirement - Requires additional training as this content is not addressed in the Educational Standards, but is included in Colorado Scope of Practice
IFT	Interfacility Transport Only - Refer to Chapter 2 Section D for detailed skills and scope of practice information

Airway, Ventilation and Oxygenation	EMT	CO EMT	CO EMT-IV	AEMT	CO AEMT	Intermediate	CO Intermediate	Paramedic	CO Paramedic
Airway – esophageal				X		X		X	
Airway – supraglottic (CO includes esophageal airways in this category)		STR	STR	X	X		X	X	X
Airway – nasal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Airway – oral	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bag-valve-mask (BVM)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Carbon Monoxide Monitoring		STR	STR		STR	STR	STR	X	X
CPAP/BIPAP		STR	STR		STR	STR	STR	X	X
Chest Decompression – needle						X	X	X	X
Chest Tube Placement – assist only								X	
Chest tube – monitoring and management								X	IFT

State of Colorado Paramedic Formulary

(Shaded medications NOT in Educational Standards-Specific Training Requirement)

Activated Charcoal	Glucagon	Over the counter medications
Adenosine	Glucose	Oxygen
Albuterol	Halperidol	Oxytocin
L-albuterol	Hydrocortisone	Pantoprazole
Amiodarone	IV Fluids	Pralidoxime
Amyl Nitrate	Insulin	Prednisone
Aspirin	Ipratropium	Promethazine
Atropine	Lidocaine	Sodium bicarbonate
Benzocaine	Lorazepam	Sorbitol
Bumetanide	Magnesium sulfate	Terbutaline
Calcium Chloride	Mannitol	Tetracaine
Calcium Gluconate	Metaproterenol	Thiamine
Cyanide Antidote	Methylprednisone	Topical hemostatic agents
Dexamethasone	Metoclopramide	Vasopressin
Dextrose	Midazolam	Verapamil
Diazepam	Morphine Sulfate	Zispraside
Diltiazem	Naloxone	Vaccinations: Tetanus, Influenza, PPD placement, public health emergency
Diphenhydramine	Nerve Agent Antidote	
Dopamine	Nitroglycerin	
Droperidol	Nitrous Oxide	
Epinephrine	Octreotide	
Epinephrine, Racemic	Olanzapine	
Fentanyl	Ondansetron	
Furesomide	Ophaine	

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