



## **UVU Paramedic Program #600203 Statement on Advanced Placement**

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### **Compliant with CoAEMSP Accreditation Standards**

#### **Statement on Advanced Placement**

The Utah Valley University (UVU) Paramedic Program does not offer **advanced placement** opportunities as part of its curriculum. As defined by CoAEMSP, advanced placement involves granting credit or advanced standing to students based on prior education, training, or experience.

The UVU Paramedic Program adheres to the guidelines set forth by the **Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) of Utah**, which does not currently permit advanced placement in paramedic programs. Should BEMS provide future direction or approval for advanced placement, the UVU Paramedic Program will review and implement such opportunities in compliance with accreditation standards and institutional policies.

#### **Policy for Future Implementation**

If advanced placement opportunities are permitted by BEMS and integrated into the UVU Paramedic Program, the following steps will be taken to ensure compliance with CoAEMSP standards and UVU policies:

##### **1. Approval Process:**

- The **Medical Director, University Administration, and Program Director** must review and approve all advanced placement activities to ensure alignment with program goals and accreditation standards.

##### **2. Documentation and Oversight:**

- Advanced placement credits or standing will be documented in the program's curriculum and tracked through **Platinum EMS Education**, the designated platform.

- Students seeking advanced placement will be required to provide evidence of prior education, training, or experience, which will be evaluated by program faculty.

### **3. Student Evaluation:**

- Students granted advanced placement will undergo competency-based assessments to ensure they meet the program's standards for knowledge and skills.
- Feedback from faculty and preceptors will be used to continuously evaluate the effectiveness of advanced placement policies.

### **4. Compliance with CoAEMSP Standards:**

- All advanced placement activities will adhere to CoAEMSP standards, ensuring that students meet the same competencies as those who complete the full program.
- The program will ensure that advanced placement does not compromise the quality or integrity of the paramedic education provided.

## **Conclusion**

The UVU Paramedic Program remains committed to providing a comprehensive education that meets or exceeds CoAEMSP accreditation standards. While advanced placement is not currently offered due to BEMS restrictions, the program has a policy to ensure compliance and quality should such opportunities become available.

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