

## Outdoor Emergency Care Course Evaluation and Challenge Criteria

OEC instructors need to be aware of some recent changes in the OEC evaluation and challenge criteria. We've listed some pertinent details below. However, we urge you to refer to *NSP Policies and Procedures*, accessible on your Bookshelf from your member page at [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org), and your *OEC Instructor's Manual*. If you have additional questions, you may contact your division OEC supervisor, region administrator, or the education department at the national office.

### Course Evaluation Criteria

- Enrollment fees must be ordered by the instructor of record at the beginning of the course for every student and challenge applicant who enrolls in a course or challenge.
- When these are ordered, the national office will send to the IOR copies of the approved, required written and practical final exams, as well as Certificates of Achievement.
- An instructor trainer **must** be present at the final exams.
- The minimum passing grade for the written exam is **80 percent**.
- The minimum passing grade for each scenario or skill station of the practical exam is **80 percent**, including completion of each CPI.
- For OEC trainees only, one retest opportunity (determined at the discretion of the instructor of record) is permissible on the final written exam and for each skill station or scenario of the final practical exam for OEC trainees enrolled in the basic course.

### Challenge criteria

- Challenge applicants must meet one or more of the following:
  - Emergency trained and currently certified as: EMT, MD/DO, PA/NP, RN, or LPN .
  - Previous OEC certification provided the expired OEC certification date has not exceeded three years.
  - Certain wilderness first responders whose courses have a minimum of 72 hours of course work (currently approved are WMI, WMA, and SOLO).
  - Other certifications may be approved by the national education director after consultation with the national OEC Program director. This is based upon the submission and review of appropriate curriculum materials.
- Challenge time requirements (total hours) will vary with background, specialty, and experience.
- Challenges must be registered separately from courses.
- Challenge applicants must practice skills with an OEC instructor prior to the challenge testing.
- If the OEC challenge applicant fails any portion of the challenge examination, there is no retest opportunity and the applicant must then participate in a full OEC course.