



**Clarification on the BLS OTEP
 EMR, EMT, EMT w/Supraglottic Endorsement**

1. The state of Washington DOH has approved Yakima County to adopt the Benton/Franklin County OTEP plan for 2022 and 2023.
 - When the OTEP plan is renewed, Yakima County will be on the same plan as Benton/Franklin/Adams County, as we are all under the same MPD.
2. **All** providers, regardless of their State certification level, will complete all BLS level OTEP didactic and skills labs as outlined.
 - This is a quarterly requirement per DOH 530-234 and WAC 246-976-163.

The above meets the MPD and WADOH standard for recertification via OTEP method.

Any other training such as the MPD quarterly lectures, EMS Connect or Vector Solutions, etcetera, is above and beyond and strongly encouraged.

Your agency is more aware of agency specific strengths and weaknesses and uses other platforms or resources to make those weaknesses stronger.

QUARTERS AND DUE DATES FOR BLS OTEP			
Quarter	Months	End Date	What is due
First Quarter	February – April	April 30th	Ninth Brain Module 1
			Workshop A
Second Quarter	May – July	July 31st	Ninth Brain Module 2
			Workshop B
Third Quarter	August – October	October 31st	Ninth Brain Module 3
			Workshop C
Fourth Quarter	November – January	January 31st	Ninth Brain Module 4
			Workshop D

Remember all required OTEP modules all begin with the Year, then the number of the module, and then the topic. For example: 2022-1 MCI, 2022-2 Respiratory etcetera.

Workshops may be made up the following quarter at official workshop makeups. **To attend a workshop makeup, you must register with the EMS office**, this is to ensure we have enough instructors, paperwork, and equipment available.

- ❖ **Failure** to complete the **online portion** by the **end of the quarter in which it is offered** will be considered out of compliance with WAC and leads to traditional recertification.
- ❖ **Failure** to complete the **workshops** either in the **quarter offered or during the following quarter** at one of the offered makeups will be considered out of compliance with WAC and leads to traditional recertification.



REMEMBER: If you choose to not complete your OTEP quarterly, and wish to recertify using the traditional method, you have 2 choices in how to obtain your training.

1. Complete the OTEP offered, as it meets all of the State WAC 246-976-162 requirements.

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2. Obtain your training elsewhere and submit the hours for your recertification. All training must meet the requirements as outlined by WAC 246-976-162.

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3. Regardless of which method of completing your CME, when you are ready to recertify, you will be required to take the National Registry Assessment exam for the level for which you are applying. Paying for and signing up for the exam is your responsibility.

Additional Training Availability & Recommendations:

It is recommended, but not required, to participate in the Quarterly MPD lectures. These may be done live via Zoom, in-person or may be completed afterwards online in Ninth Brain. **This training does count towards maintaining NREMT, but is not part of the OTEP, nor does it replace any of the required OTEP.**

- Regardless of attending live or completing afterwards, a quiz is mandatory to receive credit.
- It is recommended, but not required to maintain a provider level BLS CPR card through a nationally recognized organization.

Questions? Concerns?

- ❖ Start by contacting your training officer and/or Chief/Supervisor for your agency.
- ❖ If they are unable to answer your question or concern, then your TO/Chief/Supervisor should contact the EMS office for additional information, which will be relayed to you.