



SWORBHP Educators Receive National Certification

Five Educators at the Southwest Ontario Regional Base Hospital Program recently attained Nationally Certified EMS Educators (NCEE) status, becoming the first to do so outside of the United States. The two hour certification exam was administered at the London, Ontario office of SWORBHP by Laura Krawchyk, Education Coordinator for the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE), acting on behalf of the National EMS Educators Certification board.

Dwayne Cottel, Tracy Gaunt, Peter Morassutti, Stephanie Romano, and David Vusich join the ranks of only 160 EMS Educators who have completed the requirements for this certification to date. All five completed the 40 hour National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) Level 1 Instructor course earlier in 2010, a pre-requisite for writing the certification examination. In addition, both Stephanie and David attended the new 30 hour NAEMSE Level 2 Instructor course as part of the pilot group, providing feedback that helped to shape the program that is now available to EMS Educators.

“Congratulations to our Canadian EMS colleagues at the Southwest Ontario Regional Base Hospital Program for being the first international site to offer Educators the opportunity to become National EMS Educator Certification (NEMSEC) recognized EMS Educators” said Linda M. Abrahamson, BA, RN, EMTP, NCEE, and President of NEMSEC. “The NEMSEC Board of Directors and the EMS community admire your commitment to excellence in education through your leadership in supporting the importance of national recognition for EMS Educators.”

The National EMS Educators Certification mission is to "promote excellence in EMS education by offering a certification for EMS education professionals through a valid and uniform process, which assesses the knowledge and skills associated with competent, relevant and structurally sound educational practices". To have all five Educators certified by NEMSEC is a significant accomplishment for SWORBHP, and provides evidence of the dedication and abilities of those achieving this certification. The individual certification of the education staff harmonizes well with the Organizational Accreditation awarded to SWORBHP by the Continuing Education Coordinating Board for Emergency Medical Services (CECBEMS) earlier in 2010, further demonstrating SWORBHP's commitment to the highest standards of educational program design and delivery.

Congratulations to Dwayne, Tracy, Peter, Stephanie and David for your accomplishments!

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