



STUDENT AGREEMENT REGARDING FUNDING THROUGH THE EMS EDUCATION AND TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDING PROGRAM

Applicants to the PERCOMOnline,Inc./PERCOM EMS Medical Education Consortium (hereinafter referred to as PERCOM in this document), who are Texas residents, MAY be eligible for the Texas EMS Education and Training Scholarships Funding Program that is administered through the student's local Regional Advisory Council (RAC) – SB8 Funding. This funding is available only for a limited time for EMT, AEMT and Paramedic education for certification purposes and has specific parameters regarding what the funding covers, time frames for completion, time frames for testing the NREMT CBT exam, and work requirements following certification.

Applicants for PERCOM's programs/courses who wish to utilize these funds must notify our Admissions Counselor before paying any money or completing the full enrollment process. Our COO will send you a form to complete and return and will facilitate the application for funding approval to your local RAC. You will NOT receive books, course access, or begin the program in any way until the funding is approved or denied by the RAC. If the funding is not approved and you still wish you take the course or program, you must pay the tuition and fees or establish an approved payment plan.

If you are approved, you will be required to meet the parameters below to be eligible to complete the program in the time frames designated by TDSHS. If you do not complete within these parameters (and the other guidelines, rules and parameters designated to receive the funding), you will be required to reimburse TDSHS, or its designee, within the time frames given by them. Reimbursement will come from YOU, not from PERCOM. However, since your tuition and books will be prepaid by the grant if approved, even if you have to reimburse TDSHS, you will still be allowed to complete the program as long as you meet the posted deadlines and criteria for completion as for other students.

Students in this program MUST be flexible and willing to travel to areas outside of their local RAC, if necessary, to complete the skills and rotations phases of the program. **Any and all expenses for this travel will be incurred by the student.**

Also, any and all non-grant covered fees such as late fees, missed exam or after hour exam fees, extension fees, lost or damaged tablet fees, etc. will be incurred by the student and will NOT be covered by the grant.

The completion deadlines are less than those posted in our course website, materials, syllabi, and other locations and are only specific to the students who receive the grant funding. You will be required to meet the deadlines designated in the grant requirements no matter what is posted or otherwise distributed by PERCOM for other students or you WILL have to



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reimburse the state. This means you will have to move quickly through course material and work closely with your instructor, the Skills Lab Coordinator, get your clinical paperwork and other requirements for rotations turned in early, and work with our faculty and staff to preschedule your skills and rotations. You will be required to pull several rotation shifts a week to complete on time so you will need to plan accordingly. **You will be required to complete the skills lab phase of the program at one of our approved skills labs, which may incur travel, and those expenses will also be incurred by the student.** On page 2 of this document are the deadlines and other suggested program parameters you must meet to be successful and maintain the funding.

EMT:

Must assure PERCOM Admissions that you already have and/or be able to meet all vaccination and health requirements for rotations (as designated in the PERCOM Student Handbook). These will be submitted to PERCOM after enrollment with clinical registration paperwork.

Must assure PERCOM Admissions that there are no potential “hits” that will show up on the criminal background check or 10-panel drug screen than will preclude the student from rotations. Background check will be completed after RAC tuition funding approval.

Didactic deadline (through final exam) - 2 and a half months from course access

Complete and submit all Clinical Paperwork requirements and 10-panel urine drug screen *at 1 to 1 and a half months of course access but no more than 60 days prior to anticipated start of rotations.*

Complete Skills Exit Session and ALL rotation requirements (overall course deadline) – *4 months from course access.* (Student must work closely with Skills Lab Coordinator and Clinical Faculty immediately after passing the Final Exam to schedule the skills Exit Session and preschedule all rotations to follow that date.)

Complete NREMT CBT Testing – *90 days from Course Completion Date from PERCOM.*

AEMT:

Must assure PERCOM Admissions that you already have and/or be able to meet all vaccination and health requirements for rotations (as designated in the PERCOM





Student Handbook). These will be submitted to PERCOM after enrollment with clinical registration paperwork.

Must assure PERCOM Admissions that there are no potential “hits” that will show up on the criminal background check or 10-panel drug screen than will preclude the student from rotations. Background check will be completed after RAC tuition funding approval.

Didactic deadline for Anatomy and Physiology for Healthcare Providers and the AEMT didactic (through final exam for both) - *4 months from course access.*

Complete and submit all Clinical Paperwork requirements and 10-panel urine drug screen *at 3 to 4 months of course access but no more than 60 days prior to anticipated start of rotations.*

Complete P1/AEMT Practice and Testing Sessions (x3) and ALL rotation requirements – *8 months from course access.* (Student must work closely with Skills Lab Coordinator and Clinical Faculty immediately after passing the Final Exam to schedule the skills sessions and preschedule all rotations to follow that date.)

Complete NREMT CBT Testing – *90 days from Course Completion Date from PERCOM.*

PARAMEDIC:

Must assure PERCOM Admissions that you already have and/or be able to meet all vaccination and health requirements for rotations (as designated in the PERCOM Student Handbook). These will be submitted to PERCOM after enrollment with clinical registration paperwork.

Must assure PERCOM Admissions that there are no potential “hits” that will show up on the criminal background check or 10-panel drug screen than will preclude the student from rotations. Background check will be completed after RAC tuition funding approval.

Must complete entire course and obtain course completion within 12 months. May challenge the P1 phase of the program after enrollment if the applicant has completed P1/AEMT in its entirety through PERCOM with 1 year or be AEMT certified and have taken and passed Phase 1 of the P1 Challenge/Advanced Placement Program through PERCOM.



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Didactic deadline for Anatomy and Physiology for Healthcare Providers and the P1 and P2 didactic (through final exam for all 3) - *5 months from course access.*

Complete and submit all Clinical Paperwork requirements and 10-panel urine drug screen *at 3 to 5 months of course access but no more than 60 days prior to anticipated start of rotations.*

If P1 Challenge requested and approved and have successfully passed Phase 1 of the Challenge, must complete P1/AEMT Challenge Testing. If not, must complete all three P1 skills Practice and Testing Sessions, all 4 P2 Skills Practice and Testing Sessions, and ALL rotation requirements through Final Field Internship, as well as the Paramedic Graduate Scenario Summative Exam – *12 months from course access.* (Student must work closely with Skills Lab Coordinator and Clinical Faculty immediately after passing the Final Exam to schedule the skills sessions and preschedule all rotations to follow that date.)

NREMT CBT Testing – *90 days from Course Completion Date from PERCOM.*

I, _____, confirm that I have THOROUGHLY read the guidelines listed on these pages and request to be enrolled in my selected course through PERCOM, if approved for the SB8 grant funding by my local Regional Advisory Council (RAC). I understand that I will not receive course access, books will not be ordered, and I will not be able to start the program until after the RAC grants approval and payment has been arranged by the payor or received by PERCOM. If that approval is denied, I may still enroll but all tuition, books and other enrollment expenses will be made by me if I wish to still enroll.

I fully understand that the time parameters for my course completion and for completion of my first attempt at the NREMT CBT exam are less than for other PERCOM students not covered under the SB8 funding and that I MUST complete the course and NREMT testing as described in this document. If I do not, I will be subject to refund of all monies paid to PERCOM by my local RAC back to Texas Department of State Health Services. I understand that ancillary potential fees that are outside the parameters of the covered items in the grant must be paid by me to PERCOM, if indicated, and that course completion approval will be withheld from me if there are any outstanding fees that have not been paid.

I also agree that I will be cognizant of my time deadlines and follow the timelines outlined in this document and/or recommended to me by PERCOM. I acknowledge that I MUST complete Final Exam by the listed deadline, MUST complete Skills Sessions



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promptly at available sessions on the calendar and plan ahead accordingly (or if I need a tighter schedule that I understand that I can request Convenience Sessions but the expense of Convenience Sessions will be on me, not the grant) and that I MUST turn in my clinical registration documents and 10-panel drug screen on time as per the guidelines in this document to be successful. I also acknowledge that I must work closely with PERCOM staff and faculty to ensure I get completed on time or before the final overall deadline that will be given to me in my course access email by PERCOM.

I also hereby state that my criminal background check will be without any “hits” for convictions of any type (including pending court or legal cases against me, deferred adjudications, parole, etc.) and that I have completed all the recommended vaccinations per PERCOM policies and site requirements. I also hereby state that I should pass all recommended medical tests (physical exam, TB skin test, 10-panel urine drug screen, titers) in time to submit my clinical registration paperwork for approval by the deadline listed for my chosen course. I understand that if I cannot be accepted for rotations due to something that shows up on my criminal background check or I cannot pass the physical, tests, or cannot produce proof of all vaccinations/titers, I must refund TDSHS the monies paid to PERCOM. I will be allowed to remain in the course if I so choose but the financial agreement between myself and TDSHS or its RAC is my responsibility if I cannot meet the deadlines or complete the program on time for any reason, including these.

Applicant Signature

Date

PERCOM Student Handbook Vaccination Policies Attached to this document.



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Immunizations Required. PERCOM and its students must comply with the provisions of Texas Administrative Code Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 97, Subchapter B, Rule 97.64, which provides, in part, as follows:

(a) Students enrolled in (non-veterinary) health-related courses. This section applies to all students enrolled in health-related higher education courses which will involve direct patient contact with potential exposure to blood or bodily fluids in educational, medical, or dental care facilities.

(b) Vaccines Required. Students must have the all the following vaccinations before they may engage in the course activities described in subsection (a) of this section:

(a) Students enrolled in (non-veterinary) health-related courses. This section applies to all students enrolled in health-related higher education courses which will involve direct patient contact with potential exposure to blood or bodily fluids in educational, medical, or dental care facilities.

(b) Vaccines Required. Students must have all of the following vaccinations before they may engage in the course activities described in subsection (a) of this section:

(1) Tetanus-Diphtheria Vaccine. Students must show receipt of one dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine (Tdap). In addition, one dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine must have been received within the last ten years. Td vaccine is an acceptable substitute, if Tdap vaccine is medically contraindicated.

(2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccines.

(A) Students born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of a measles-containing vaccine administered since January 1, 1968 (preferably MMR vaccine).

(B) Students born on or after January 1, 1957, must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of vaccination of two doses of a mumps vaccine.



(C) Students must show, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of one dose of rubella vaccine.

(3) Hepatitis B Vaccine. Students are required to receive a complete series of hepatitis B vaccine prior to the start of direct patient care.

(4) Varicella Vaccine. Students are required to have received two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.

(c) Limited Exceptions:

(1) Notwithstanding the other requirements in this section, a student may be provisionally enrolled in these courses if the student has received at least one dose of each specified vaccine prior to enrollment and goes on to complete each vaccination series as rapid as medically feasible in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule as approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). However, the provisionally enrolled student may not participate in coursework activities involving the contact described in subsections (a) and/or (d) of this section until the full vaccination series has been administered.

(2) Students, who claim to have had the complete series of a required vaccination, but have not properly documented them, cannot participate in coursework activities involving the contact described in subsections (a) and/or (d) of this section until such time as proper documentation has been submitted and accepted.

(3) The immunization requirements in subsections (b) and (d) of this section are not applicable to individuals who can properly demonstrate proof of laboratory confirmation of immunity or laboratory confirmation of disease. Vaccines for which this may be potentially demonstrated, and acceptable methods for demonstration, are found in §97.65 of this title (relating to Exceptions to Immunization Requirements (Verification of Immunity/History of Illness)). Such a student cannot participate in coursework activities involving the contact described in subsection (a) of this section until such time as proper documentation has been submitted and accepted.



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(3) The immunization requirements in subsections (b) and (d) of this section are not applicable to individuals who can properly demonstrate proof of serological confirmation of immunity. Vaccines for which this may be potentially demonstrated, and acceptable methods for demonstration, are found in §97.65 of this title (relating to Exceptions to Immunization Requirements (Verification of Immunity/History of Illness)). Such a student cannot participate in coursework activities involving the contact described in subsection (a) of this section until such time as proper documentation has been submitted and accepted.

In addition to the immunization listed above, PERCOM also requires Meningitis and the Seasonal Influenza vaccines. Please note that a “conscientious objection” and request to be exempted from these vaccination requirements will not be accepted by the rotation sites. If a student refuses to obtain all necessary vaccinations and proofs of vaccinations, titers, physical exam, etc., PERCOM cannot place that student with hospital and EMS sites for rotations. Also, many sites may now require COVID-19 vaccination completion, COVID-19 testing, and other requirements related to this particular infectious disease. Students are subject to these and any other requirements by specific sites if they choose to rotate at that site and must complete those site-specific requirements. Clinical Faculty will not “site shop” for students so if the volume of sites requiring COVID-19 vaccinations increases in size over time, students may have difficulty being placed in their requested sites if not vaccinated. MOST HOSPITALS NOW REQUIRE VACCINATION DUE TO CMS REQUIREMENTS. PERCOM will not be held legally liable nor will refunds be granted to students or payors for students who cannot be placed in rotations who cannot or will not meet the site requirements.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in the student being denied access to clinical and internship experiences and failure to complete the course.

