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June is National Safety Month!

National Safety Month is celebrated in June when people focus on how they can keep their environment safe and free from any danger. Preventable injuries, commonly known as “accidents,” are the fourth leading cause of U.S. deaths. By learning about safety methods, we can increase pressure on employers to offer a safer working environment to their employees. **How to Celebrate?** 1. Conduct a home fire drill. 2. Update your first-aid kit 3. Practice self-defense.

To all you EMS educators out there—thank you from all of us at Platinum.

Who is Platinum Educational Group, Exactly?

As Platinum Educational Group continues to broaden the versatility of our solutions for healthcare professions, as well as increase our audience, we would like to remind people of who we are and what we do!

We are staunch advocates for the highest degree of training for EMS programs. We are proud to boast the best, and most cost-efficient, competency tracking, scheduling, and compliance reporting for each EMS professional.

***Factoid—Since 2015, We have delivered over 500 new features and updates for our customers, many at their request!**

Our Mission: Deliver valid & reliable testing, assessment, scheduling, competency tracking, & compliance reporting solutions.
Our Vision: Every learner in the world can benefit from our solutions.

Price Increase Notification for 2023- Reminder

Effective August 1, 2023



Platinum Educational Group has not had a price increase since 2018, however, our pricing schedule will increase **slightly** in 2023. These increases will not affect training institutional fees, but student fees will see a **nominal** change. We do our best to not for our valued customers, but at times it is unavoidable.

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Applications Open for 2023 Scholarships for EMS, Nursing, and Allied Health Students!

Send to your students to apply today!

Platinum Educational Group's annual scholarship's goal is to provide students entering the EMS, Nursing, and Allied Health fields with assistance in funding their early higher education. These scholarships are intended for certificate programs or students in undergraduate degree programs. We have made our 2023 scholarships

so easy to apply for! There is no essay or recommendation form requirement! We loved the selfies so much last year, we are doing it again!

[**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AND WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?**](#)



Workshop Series - Only 3 Remaining in 2023!

Pittsburgh, PA (August 4-5)

Nashville, TN (September 8-9)

Orlando, FL (November 10-11)

Day One: Progressive Testing and Kinesthetic Teaching Workshop - 8 AM to 5 PM

Day one is an eight-hour interactive day focusing on best practices for improving student outcomes by collecting, evaluating, and leveraging pertinent admission assessments and changing how we teach and test our students. We will build on our Recipe for Success by exploring progressive teaching and testing and discussing its application in our classrooms. Additionally, we will discuss and demonstrate using kinesthetic teaching methods in the classroom and then allow you to develop and deploy a kinesthetic teaching exercise in a fun and exciting group activity!

Day Two: Kinesthetic Teaching Day - 8 AM to Noon

Day two is all about you and your group's kinesthetic teaching exercises! This interactive session will consist of groups running the class through the kinesthetic teaching exercises they developed on day one. We will teach and learn from one another in a fun-filled 4-hour day of activities designed by you and your peers! It is an all-hands-on-deck day of kinesthetic learning fun!

Workshop Benefits

- 12 CE Hours or Professional Development Credit!
- Catered Lunch with Coffee/ Water Stations
- Networking!
- LIMITED SEATING FOR EACH EVENT!
- All for \$25! * Non-refundable unless the event is canceled

[Full Details and Registration](#)



Top Five Reasons to Use EMSTesting.com!

- True Computer Adaptive Testing Practice that mimics the format of the National Registry exam!
- Most Validated Solution Available—With over 300,000,000 responses to date!
- Over 5,000 question test bank; with questions FOR ALL provider levels!
- Group Testing feature turns learning into a fun game!
- EMSTesting can be used with any EMS textbook, regardless of publisher!

Join the hundreds of other programs that have adopted our solutions to make their EMR-EMT-AEMT-Paramedic program run as efficiently as possible! We offer the most reliable and valid testing on the market via EMSTesting.com. We provide the only Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT) prep program that mimics the National Registry Exam format! We will help your program raise your pass rates and we offer a 100% guarantee* to back that!

“I have used Platinum’s EMStesting site for 5+ years. My students enjoy the adaptive test function. They also say the test questions are very similar to what they saw on the NREMT exam.” Zachary Cleere, Paramedic Assistant Professor at McLennan Community College (TX)

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Top Five Reasons to Use PlatinumPlanner.com!

- Ready for 2023 SMC Changes for more than a year!
- Meets/Exceeds Accreditation Standards!
- Customizable platform to meet YOUR program’s specific needs!
- Provides students with a complimentary companion mobile app!
- There is NO Institutional fee just a competitive nominal per-student fee!

In addition to testing, we also provide a complete skills tracking, scheduling, and reporting solution called PlatinumPlanner.com. This flexible program tracks schedules, skills, and patient encounters. It assists in clinicals, labs, and scenario experiences. It generates reports for student progress, accreditation standards, NREMT Portfolio requirements, CoAEMSP Student Minimum Competency (Appendix G), and even SMC 2023!

“The entire system is user friendly, Support is amazing and extremely responsive. I cannot wait to use the integration with EMSTesting and Planner.” Roman Simon, Paramedic Instructor, Garden City Community College (KS)

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Submit an Article!

Do you have a knack for writing good articles? Do you have an awesome article you have written in the past that you would like to showcase? Do you have a blog?

If you said yes to any of these, then we want you!



We are currently looking for quality **EMS** content to be featured in our monthly newsletter and social media platforms! Maybe you want to submit just one article, a few, or be a consistent contributor—all of these are great! Contributors will receive a “thank you” package from us (**EMS** swag including a travel mug, mousepad, challenge coin, and more!) as well as some great exposure to your content and

expertise!

If you want to submit an article, [Click Here!](#) Not only will you get some exposure, but we will also send you some awesome **EMS** swag!!



The Power of Scaffolding in Adult Education

By John H Spencer III, MBA, MSL, EMT-P, IC, Chief Operations Officer, Platinum Educational Group

In the ever-evolving world that we live in, the pursuit of knowledge is a lifelong journey. For adults engaging in education, the concept of scaffolding plays a crucial role in their learning process. Scaffolding, a term borrowed from construction, refers to the temporary support structures that enable workers to reach higher points and construct complex structures. Similarly, in education, scaffolding serves as a support system that propels adults toward higher levels of learning and understanding.

While the concept of scaffolding was initially introduced in child education, it has gained significant recognition and importance in adult learning environments. Adults, with their unique experiences, motivations, and learning styles, require a tailored approach that takes into account their existing knowledge and skills. Scaffolding provides the necessary framework for adult learners to bridge the gap between their current understanding and the desired learning outcomes.

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Verify Students and Medicat: Your Tool for Managing Student Compliance with Immunization Requirements

By Levi Perkins, Corporate Screening

VerifyStudents and Medicat One ICM combine to provide an integrated solution for collecting and verifying student health immunization data, helping you to tackle common immunization tracking challenges, such as:

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- A lack of tools to help you understand student compliance metrics in real-time
- Errors and inconsistencies caused by using spreadsheets or paper tracking
- Limited staff to verify the accuracy and legitimacy of student-submitted health records

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Staff Updates - Who is new at Platinum?



Virginia Anzengruber, Marketing Manager

Virginia Anzengruber comes to us with 13+ years of communications/PR, digital marketing/advertising, SEO, and video production experience. In addition, Virginia has worked on films/TV, such as Tomb Raider, Parks and Rec, Captain America, Suicide Squad, and more. Most recently working for Brevard Symphony. Virginia recently moved back to Grand Rapids and is thrilled to be back in West Michigan again.

Rob Blackston, Business Development Manager



Rob Blackston, M.ED, CST, CSFA, FAST, comes to us with 12+ years in Surgical Technology instructional design. Rob also worked for ARC/STSA (Surg Tech accrediting body) collaborating with CoAEMSP and several other accrediting bodies. Rob currently resides in Idaho and will manage the west coast territory after the training period. And CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Rob, who just confirmed a seat on the AST Board of Directors!

From the Customer Support Team



Q: Were there any changes to pediatric age skill groups for SMC23?

A: To better serve the SMC23 vision of the pediatric age group skills, we've slightly changed the way the formative version of these skills are accessed. For Paramedic SMC23 courses we've added new skill group skill totals in addition to the overall pediatric patients (formative) and Pediatric patients (competency) group totals. Courses that did not change from our base original template should see these new options in your courses. If you do not see these changes, admins can choose to activate these changes manually. (Note: Any new Paramedic courses being created with our SMC23 template will have these options now by default)

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"Amazing customer service! Quick responses from friendly staff." Scot Marotto, Assistant Chief of Training at Hunter's Ambulance Training Center (CT)



Upcoming Conferences and Expos - 2023

[7/19/23 to 7/21/23](#) Murfreesboro, TN – TEMSEA Conference

[7/21/23 to 7/22/23](#) Bloomington, MN – CAAHEP

[8/14/23 to 8/19/23](#) Reno, NV – NAEMSE

News from Our Allies in Education

Every month we feature a key news snippet or other information from our allies in EMS education. If you would like to connect and see how we can collaborate, [email us!](#)



Save the Date! June 28, 2023, @ 1:00 PM Central Time – Webinar

Fair practices encompass a variety of responsibilities an educational program must provide to prospective and enrolling students. Clear and accurate information allows students to make informed decisions regarding the policies and procedures, and outcomes performance of the program.

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Advancing Evidence-Based, People-Centered EMS Care

What a difference a generation makes—in 2007, a report from the Institute of Medicine pointed out the lack of evidence supporting most prehospital patient care protocols and practices. While most EMS systems were making treatment decisions based on what they felt was best for patients, there was little evidence to back it up.



[More Information](#)



National Association of EMS Educators

Here you can review our full lineup of upcoming courses and events. Click on each event name to view the full details.

[More Information](#)



Customer Showcase: Inver Hill Community College (MN)

Every month we give a little bit of love to one of our valued customers! This month we celebrate the incredible EMS staff at Inver Hill Community College (MN).

Inver Hills Community College is an accredited 2-year college in the Southeast suburbs of the Twin Cities, Minneapolis & St. Paul, Minnesota. They offer nearly 40 programs and hundreds of classes for students of all ages and backgrounds. You can create your own path as you earn credits to transfer on to a 4-year program or prepare to enter a specialized career.

Why study EMS at Inver Hills?

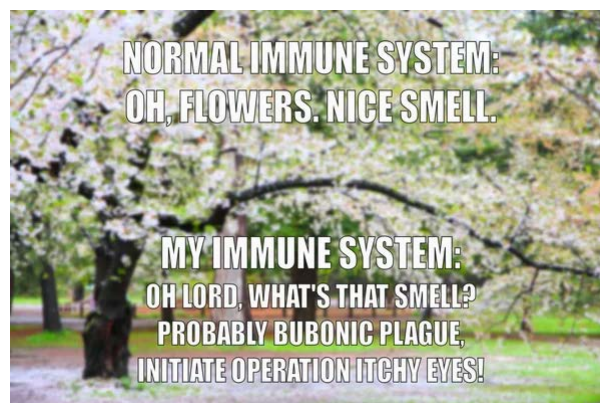
The 9-credit Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) program delivers a basic education in emergency medical care. As a student in the program, you can develop the competencies you'll need to take the national certification exam. The exam must be passed to become an EMT, which is a requirement to enroll in their paramedic A.S. degree programs.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) degree and diploma programs deliver comprehensive educational and occupational preparation in advanced, prehospital emergency care. As a paramedic, you will be employed by advanced, life-support ambulance services as well in various out-of-hospital care settings to provide care in medical and traumatic emergencies.

The EMS Paramedic program offers two-degree tracks, Traditional and Accelerated. Both lead to an A.S. in Emergency Medical Services. The Inver Hills EMS program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) on the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

We want to thank them for their trust in our solutions, our customer service, and for their trust in our reputation to provide the highest quality of both!

Keep you Laughing



The **Platinum Educational Group** newsletter is dedicated to **EMS** instructors, administrators, and providers.
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