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The **Platinum Educational Group** monthly newsletter is dedicated to EMS instructors, administrators, and providers. If you have any questions please reach out to us anytime either by [email](#) or call **616.818.7877**.

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Grow Your Program Now!

Celebrate the gorgeous month of May! There is more sunshine, the birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, and the garden is growing! Use this opportunity to help grow your program pass rates as well! We are proven to help your program and offer a money-back [testing guarantee!](#)

We provide online testing and skills tracking solutions for EMS educators, students, and institutions. So, if you are a part of any of those groups, **we want to help you.**

Contact us today!

To all you educators out there—thank you from all of us at Platinum. Please be safe and stay healthy.



Who is Platinum Educational Group, exactly?

As Platinum Educational Group continues to broaden the versatility of their 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 all EMS levels. We are proud to boast the best testing prep and skills tracking programs for each.

“We have just started using this at Audrain Ambulance district and I have to say it is AMAZING!! From a group that has used several different platforms to teach on this one is by far the best with the BEST customer service and training! Don't hesitate, just go for it.”
Shannon Weber, EMT-P Training at Audrain Ambulance District (MO)

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

Our Mission: Deliver valid & reliable testing, scheduling, competency tracking, & compliance reporting solutions.

Our Vision: Every learner in the world can benefit from our solutions.

Moving Your Program Forward: A New Workshop Series for 2022!



5 National Locations

Columbus, OH (June 24-25)

Chicago, IL (September 16-17)

Indianapolis, IN (November 11-12)

Boston, MA (August 26-27)

Philadelphia, PA (October 22-22)

Join us for an exciting new workshop series for 2022! **Moving Your Program Forward** is designed to assist all educators, their programs, and their students to be successful through knowledge, practice, and hands-on learning techniques.

Day 1 (8 hours) This full-day focuses on the methods and implementation of techniques to create an educational environment where a student's success is nearly guaranteed. We will look at admission assessment to include learning preferences, improving student prerequisites and study habits, implementing a testing and teaching style that is educational and non-threatening, and making sure to practice like you expect to perform.

Day 2 (4 hours) This half-day workshop is designed to arm EMS administrators, instructors, & clinical coordinators with knowledge of the upcoming industry changes to the Student Minimum Competency (SMC) Matrix. This exclusive workshop will provide answers to the following questions “What are the changes to the SMC?”, “How do they relate to the NREMT requirements?”, “How do I incorporate these changes?”, and much more!

Each workshop location includes:

- **Master Testing Techniques, Measurement, & Evaluation!**
- **Get Updates for SMC 2023 Requirements!**
- **12 CE Credits or Professional Development!**
- **Amazing Prize Giveaways!**
- **Networking!**
- **Lunch and Snacks Included!**
- **ALL For \$25!!**
- **Bonus: All Events Offer a Catered Lunch!**

[Full Details and Registration](#)



Applications Open for 2022 Scholarships for EMS, Nursing, and Allied Health Students!

No Essay Required in 2022!

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 2022 scholarships the easiest year to apply yet! There is no essay or recommendation form requirement! This year—it's all

about the selfie!

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

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- Clinical affiliate data
- Capstone field Internship affiliate data
- Preceptor list including dates trained
- Summary tracking report
- Student Competency Matrix (formerly Appendix G) report

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Would You Like Automated Surveys?

If you are an EMS Program Director, then you are already aware of the high turnover rate for paramedic program directors. There is much to keep track of for accreditation and it can be a tiresome task searching for the information that you need, but we have

a new solution that is changing the game- an all-in-one SSR recordkeeping feature!

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- **True Computer Adaptive Testing Practice that mimics the format of the National Registry exam!**
- **Most Validated Solution Available—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](https://www.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!

“We are really happy to have already had EMS Testing onboard prior to the COVID 19 shut down. We are able to continue with our class in an online format with little to no learning curve for the students or me.” Lt. Stewart Smith, Henry County Fire Department, Training Division (GA)

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Top Five Reasons to Use PlatinumPlanner.com

- **Ready for 2023 SMC Changes!**
- **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, and CoAEMSP Student Minimum Competency (Appendix G)! **Platinum Planner also offers free preceptor training - something our competitors do not!**

“We have been using Platinum for two years now. Great product and even better online help, second to none. Highly recommend this!” John Reese, Instructor at San Juan College (NM)

[Learn More](#)



What's the Difference Between Database Court Searches and Actual Court Searches?

By Levi Perkins, Corporate Screening

Court searches are an effective way to get an accurate picture of an individual's background as well as any current or pending criminal actions. There are two kinds of court searches: database court searches and actual court searches. Each serves a unique purpose and can provide different kinds of information. First, a definition of each:

Database court search – This kind of search seeks criminal records for an individual combined from multiple sources. The database is a centralized repository of historical data pulled from court records at a specific point in time.

Actual court search – This kind of court search seeks criminal information about an individual through a physical or online search of court records. Court searches can be conducted at the federal, state, or county court level. These searches reveal all data on record at the specific court.

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SMC Updates 2023

By Sherry Kinnucan, Lead Trainer/Medical Educator, Platinum Educational Group

We have updated our course template for programs using the 2023 CoAEMSP Student Minimum Competency (SMC) Recommendations with:

1. Sequencing options
2. The ability to allow students to create Simulations
3. The ability to disable Capstone preceptor training or restrict Capstone preceptor selections to only trained preceptors!

Sequencing options! You now have three options available to select your preferred sequence of learning for your students.

1) You can choose not to enforce sequencing by selecting “Do not enforce sequencing.”

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Students Who Need Support - Update

By Sarah Smith, Customer Service Advocate/Trainer/Development Tester, Platinum Educational Group

We here at Platinum Educational Group pride ourselves on doing our very best to assist our customers with their use of our products, including students. If students do reach out to our Support team, we will provide them with as much assistance as we can, however, sometimes having your students reach out to us directly may not be the best course of action.

Many issues that students experience are a result of the settings in their school, their course, their class, or their tests and it is our policy that our Support Team will not make adjustments to these settings on the behalf of a student. The requests to adjust settings must come from a user that has the access to adjust those settings.

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How Can I Raise My Program's Pass Rate?

By Jeremy Johnson, Director of Marketing, Platinum Educational Group

One of the KEY ISSUES that EMT and Paramedic programs face nationally is difficulty with NREMT first-time pass rates. The 2021 National Pass Rate average was 68% for EMTs and 70% for Paramedics. The 2021 averages hover around the same over the previous three-year span, but **that just means there is room for vast improvement!**

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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, [contact us!](#)



Accreditation 2022 Dates are now available

Register now! June 1-5, 2022, at The Omni Louisville Hotel (KY)

[More details](#)



NAEMT Annual Meeting 2022

Please plan to attend the NAEMT Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, on Oct. 10-12. Held in conjunction with EMS World Expo, the events, meetings, and receptions provide time for NAEMT members to engage and socialize with association leaders and colleagues from around the nation and the world.

[More details](#)



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 details](#)



Upcoming Conferences and Expos

[5/5/22 to 5/7/22](#), Frankenmuth, MI – Michigan EMS Expo

[6/1/22 to 6/5/22](#), Louisville, KY – ACCREDITCON



From the Customer Support Team

Secure Testing

We have had a lot of questions from students lately on secure testing. Secure testing is the ability, in EMSTesting, to make students use the secure testing browser when they begin a test. There are some issues that can arise when students try to use secure testing. First, we'll go through what secure testing is, and how to enable it on a test (on the instructor side). Then in the lower section of this article will be some troubleshooting steps the students can take if they are having issues.

[Click here for details](#)

“EMSTesting has made my job so much easier over the last 5 years. The customer service is always helpful even as I blundered through the early years as a program director. They keep changing as Education does, so it keeps me moving forward too. Thank you!”Cindy Gilbert Hewitt, EMS Program Director (former), Indian Hills Community College (IA)



Customer Showcase: Chatham Emergency Services (GA)

Every month we give a little bit of love to one of our valued customers! This month we celebrate the awesome **EMS Chatham Emergency Services**.

Chatham Emergency Services is a community-based not-for-profit Fire, EMS, and Firewatch department providing emergency service to all of Chatham County. Volunteer Fire Departments began offering services in Chatham County as far back as the 1930s. Five volunteer agencies merged and incorporated in 1961. Today, Chatham Emergency Services is a community-based not-for-profit Fire, EMS, and Firewatch department. CES is committed to providing the highest level of emergency service

to all of Chatham County.

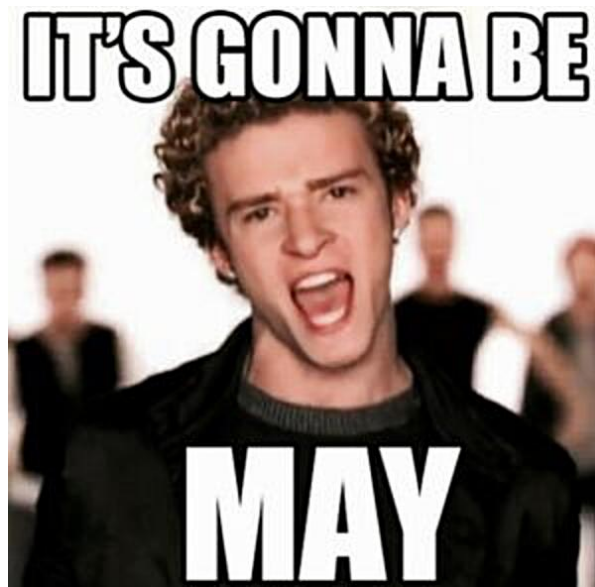
Chatham Emergency Services offers certification courses yearly for EMT Basic, EMT Advanced, and Paramedic. These courses are Georgia Department of Health and the National Registry approved. NREMT classes are open to qualified students that would like to join the EMS community, other departments, and for in-house advancements. CES EMS Training also offers several other courses including BLS, ACLS, and PALS. Our EMS Instructors are the best in the area bringing their knowledge and experiences to the class to help lead students in their EMS careers.

Mission: To protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community with pride, professionalism, and compassion.

Vision: To continue to be the most competent, trusted, and valued fire and EMS provider for all Chatham County citizens and guests.

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

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