



EMS PROFESSIONS

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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So much to be Thankful for!

This is such a wonderful time of year. The weather is cooling off, mosquitos are dying off, the holidays are upon us, and many of us take this time to think about what is important to us. Something to also be thankful for is a software like ours that can enhance your program and save you time. We have the **best testing prep available** to help your students pass their computer adaptive certification exams the first time. We also have the best **electronic recordkeeping software for compliance reporting**.

To see your program excel and to free up some of your time is something to be thankful for! We make it easy—ALL OF IT! The platform setup, the training, the industry leading customer support.

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

The Staff at Platinum Educational Group



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.**

“First of all, the program is without comparison but besides the actual program, customer support is off the chart! Probably the best support of any company I have ever utilized. Emails are usually responded to within the hour and the chance to set up personal webinars to go over key points and facts while actually working with the program is an asset to me and my learning style. I would recommend EMS Testing to anyone!” Robb Quinn, Assistant Program Director at St. Mary Medical Center (IN)

***Factoid—Since 2015, we have delivered 400+ 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.



The EMS Handoff Podcast

Platinum Educational Group is proud to collaborate with the EMS Handoff Podcast! They provide quality information and provocative discussions weekly! Every month there will be a trivia contest sponsored by Platinum on the show. The winner will receive a \$40 gift card to [Pursue Outfitters](#) (another organization in collaboration with The EMS Handoff Podcast). Check them out on their Facebook Page and give them a like!

[Click here for Podcast](#)



Can We Buy You Lunch?

Whew! Platinum Educational Group recently provided over 75 lunches to educators wanting an inside look at our online solutions! Thank you to everyone who participated, and we hope you had a great lunch.

If you missed these awesome events, **don't worry!** For the month of October, we are offering personalized lunch and learns! If you would like to learn about one or more of our solutions and **have lunch catered to you**, simply click the link below!

BONUS: We are also going to hook you up with some awesome EMS swag after your demo!

[Click for Your Personalized Lunch and Learn!](#)

Have You Explored AccredAssist® Yet?

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Introducing AccredAssist®
AccredAssist® can also pull your existing cohort data from your Platinum account to auto-populate your:

- 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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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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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—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!

“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

- Easiest platform to record Student Minimum Competency Matrix (Formerly Appendix G)!
- 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!**

“I have used Platinum Planner for a couple of years now and what stands out the most (aside from the program) is the very reliable customer service. Consistently I have received help when needed and my changes have been applied to the program where/when requested.” Sue Darroch-Wienberg, DMS, NREMT, Paramedic Program Instructor, Glendale Community College (AZ)

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Why Are EMS Professionals Desperately Needed In Rural Areas?

By Ian Kindig, Business Development Manager, Platinum Educational Group

According to the National Rural Health Association, across the United States, about 57 million people, or 18% of the total population, call rural communities' home. Rural EMS services are more dependent on volunteers than their urban counterparts. A national survey of local EMS directors in rural and urban areas finds rural agencies were more

likely to be staffed by volunteers only, (53% for isolated small rural vs. 14% for urban, see Figure 3). In some rural parts of the country (tending to be those more sparsely populated) it is estimated that volunteers cover more than 90 percent of EMS calls.

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Let us save you the one thing you cannot buy – Time! Cont.

By Courtney DuBay, Business Development Manager, Platinum Educational Group

Hi Friends! You may or may not remember my article from earlier in the year explaining how much time we are able to save you with our testing platform. You also may remember me mentioning my next article explaining how much time we can save you with scheduling, competency tracking, and requirement reporting too! Well, here we are!

Before I get started, I do have to apologize to those eagerly waiting for this submission. Like many others in the world, I tested positive for Covid in April (ironically two days before being eligible for the vaccine) and after being down and out for well over a month - I finally was able to come back and put together something to share all this cool information with you as promised!

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Explanation of Cut Score Versus Raw Score Evaluation (Grading) Scales

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

Platinum Educational Group is often asked to explain what a cut score is and how the student's "cut score" is calculated and why it is so different from the raw score. Provided below is the answer to that question as well as some other information and definitions.

Definitions

Raw Score-The actual score, represented as a decimal or percent showing how many items the student answered correctly divided by the total number of items on the examination.

Published Passing Score-Also known as a published cut score is set by an institution and represents the minimum percentage a student must achieve to pass the examination (aka-make the cut).

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6 Ways Background Screening Technology Helps HR Professionals Streamline the Hiring Process

By Levi Perkins, Corporate Screening



According to the Professional Background Screening Association, employment background screening is nearly universal among today's employers, with 94% using it during the hiring process. While some regulated industries, such as healthcare, have a legal requirement to conduct background checks, other organizations do so to make better-informed hiring decisions.

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Stuff I'd Wish They Taught Me in Class, Part 12: How to Be a Better EMT

By Shao Trommashere, Educator

For three or four years I functioned as a paramedic. I had all my little para-tools constantly within reach in my ambulance. There was nothing I couldn't fix. My stubbed toe patient who was laughing and giggling one moment, then suddenly lapsed into cardiac arrest (true story!) was easily fixed by quick application of high-flow energy by defibrillator and a round

of CPR. Every patient received my best care...my best ALS care.

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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!](#)



Simulation by Dennis Ederly, BS, EMT-P, and Patricia Tritt, MA, RN, December 2, 2021 @ 1:00PM Central Time

In this conversational style presentation, Pat and Dennis will discuss the technique of simulation. Effective use of simulation will be discussed both in the context of design and implementation.

[More details](#)



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.

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Virtual 2021 GEMSA Providers & Educators Online CE Sessions Available on Nov. 15 – Dec. 15, 2021 – Register by November 10!

GEMSA has partnered with the Georgia Trauma Commission to provide sessions from the 2021 GEMSA Providers & Educators Conference held in October in an online virtual format to allow more EMS professionals and nurses to obtain CE hours. Thanks to this partnership, THIS EVENT IS BEING PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE.

[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](#)



From the Customer Support Team

(Administrator) How Do I Add Credit For My School?

Q: (Administrator) How Do I Add Credit For My School?

A: If you need to be invoiced for a school credit purchase, please call 616-818-7877 and ask to speak to our accounting department or you can send your purchase order to accounting@platinumed.com.

Or:

If you are an Administrator in your school, you can add credit to your institution with a credit card or

access code online.

[Click here for details](#)

“Exceptional customer service!! always willing to listen to new ideas and will do whatever they can to make it easier for the customer.” Ron Feller, Educator at Oklahoma Emergency Services (OK)



Customer Showcase: Silver Cross Emergency Medical Services System

Every month we give a little bit of love to one of our valued customers! This month we celebrate the awesome EMS Staff at Silver Cross Emergency Medical Services System (IL)

The Silver Cross EMS System is a network of fire departments, ambulance services, industrial responders, training centers, dispatch centers, and hospitals, all committed to coordinate quality pre-hospital patient care.

Silver Cross Hospital is the State-designated Resource Hospital for the Silver Cross EMS System and has been since the System's inception in May of 1975 when it was called Will/Grundy EMS.

The Silver Cross EMS System provides primary and continuing medical education, quality assurance and administrative oversight and support to its network of agencies and EMS personnel.

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

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**"I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL
I'M A PARAMEDIC"**



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AS YOU CAN. CHERISH IT!**

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