



Los Angeles County ESAR VHP

Emergency System for Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals

CRITERIA FOR CREDENTIALING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE LA COUNTY ALTERNATE CARE SITE TEAM

1. **All volunteers who select the alternate care site team volunteer opportunity MUST meet ALL of the following criteria:**
 - a. **MUST** – Have an active, current, unrestricted *California* professional license in their medical, health, or mental health discipline.
 1. **RETIRED professionals** that meet the criteria for the Alternate Care Site team, **INCLUDING** maintaining current licensure, and have been retired for **LESS** than 4 years can be considered for the Alternate Care Site Team. These professionals **MUST** go through the Checkpoint credentials systems. The LA County Credentialing Committee will review the retired volunteer’s credentials and make the final determination on whether or not the volunteer is approved for deployment as a part of the Alternate Care Site team.
 - b. **MUST** - currently be on staff or employed at an “acute care” hospital, medical clinic, urgent care, surgery center, group or private practice in Los Angeles County. (*See below for acceptable employment settings for Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, and Veterinarians.*)
RETIRED professionals must have been employed in at least one of the settings mentioned above within the last four years.
 - c. **MUST** - maintain a current active practice in their discipline.
 - d. **MUST** - be willing to undertake a volunteer assignment to report to an alternate care site (temporary hospitals, medical clinics, first aid stations, or special needs shelters) following a disaster or public health emergency.
 - e. **MUST** – be flexible and interested in disaster work
2. **The following professionals will ALWAYS be referred to CHECKPOINT for level 1 credentialing:**
 - Physician (Doctor of Medicine, M.D. or Doctor of Osteopathy, D.O.)**
 - Advance Practice Registered Nurse**
 - Dentist**
 - Clinical Psychologist**
 - Physician Assistant (PA)**
 - Podiatrist**
 - Ophthalmologist**

3. **The following professionals will ALWAYS be “credentialed” by VCLA and DO NOT need to be referred to Checkpoint.**

Chaplain

1. For Hospital Surge, Alternate Care Site, or Burn Surge Teams, a potential Chaplain volunteer must meet the following requirements:
 - a. A certificate showing 4 units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).
 - b. A Masters of Divinity or Equivalent
 - c. Professional Certification from a Chaplain’s Association is preferred.
Certifications are typically from:
 - i. National Association of Catholic Chaplains
 - ii. Association of Professional Chaplains
 - iii. National Association of Jewish Chaplains

Clinical Laboratory Scientist

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

1. MUST be currently employed by an ambulance company in Los Angeles County.

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)

Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)

Optometrist

Paramedic

1. MUST be currently employed by a provider agency or private ambulance company in Los Angeles County.

Pharmacist

Pharmacy Technician

Phlebotomist

Radiology Technologist/Technician

Registered Nurse (RN)

Respiratory Therapist

Surgical Technologist

Veterinarian

1. MUST be employed at a Veterinarian Hospital, Clinic, or Large Animal Veterinarian practice.

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