

EMS Education: Going Virtual

What You Should Know FAQs

I am new to NAEMT education programs. Are there any special requirements to present programs of study online instead of in a traditional face-to-face setting?

NAEMT is providing the flexibility to all training centers and instructors to use online platforms such as Zoom, GoToMeeting, Skype for Business, and Webex when offering NAEMT courses. The skills portion of the courses may be conducted using a 1:1 instructor-to-student ratio or use video (live or recorded) to monitor students on the skills portion of the courses. Testing can be conducted for small numbers of students in a room with ample space between each student, provided that the test is proctored by an NAEMT instructor. Training centers may also use a learning management system (LMS) or services such as Proctoru.com to administer tests.

Are there other online platform options for NAEMT training centers?

NAEMT is allowing training centers to offer all didactic content through synchronized (real time) virtual classrooms using online platforms such as Zoom, GoToMeeting, Skype for Business, and Webex. The online platforms are not limited to GotoWebinar specifically. Many platforms are offering free subscriptions during this time.

Will the NAEMT approval to use the virtual approach for teaching NAEMT courses be retracted at some point after the pandemic?

The current [COVID-19: Pandemic Operations Plan for Conducting NAEMT Courses](#) will be reviewed and recommendations will be made from the NAEMT Education Committee upon returning to regular operations.

Are we allowed to use the instructor tool kit (ITK) from NAEMT programs to conduct an online course, or do we have to use the hybrid programs for NAEMT courses?

The hybrid EPC, AMLS, and PHTLS courses are an excellent option for providing continued education. Students can complete the didactic portion and the written tests online. The skills portion of the courses may be conducted using a 1:1 instructor-to-student ratio or use video (live or recorded) to monitor students on the skills portion of the courses. However, the hybrid format is not required and is not an option for all NAEMT courses. Thus, NAEMT training centers can provide didactic content through synchronized (real time) virtual classrooms using online platforms such as Zoom, GoToMeeting, Skype for Business, and Webex. Please refer to the [COVID-19: Pandemic Operations Plan for Conducting NAEMT Courses](#) to review options for the written tests of NAEMT education programs.

Will NAEMT have a session about virtual reality (VR) use in EMS education?

Currently, NAEMT is reviewing content for future webinars to provide for training centers, instructors, and members. Please monitor naemt.org and social media for future webinars and tutorials.

How much later after completing an NAEMT course could the practical and skills be completed?

All skills, patient simulations, and testing should be completed no later than 30 days after NAEMT education course completion.

What software do you use for real-time surveys?

The real-time survey software is built in to GoToWebinar.

What is the name of the group communication app you use at UCLA?

At UCLA, our students use group text messages, the GroupMe app, and even Facebook messenger. We do not endorse any particular group communication app; we allow students to set it up on their own.

What do you think about Google Classroom?

At UCLA, we use Google Classroom for our preparation course. It is very user friendly and many students are already familiar with it, as they use it for their K-12 education.

How do we gain access to UCLA's educator resources page?

You can access the page here: <https://www.cpc.mednet.ucla.edu/ems-educator-resources>

Do you have advice for an additional platform or advice for using YouTube differently but maintaining an interactive component?

Zoom works well as another platform option and you can now livestream to YouTube and Facebook from Zoom, so that might be a good workaround for that specific problem.

I have had students use their cell phones to do recordings. What, if anything, do you require your students to use to record themselves?

Cell phones are typically what we are seeing students use; however, I also see some of them using their tablet or desktop computer to record themselves.

Would Survey Monkey be a good tool for quizzes?

Both Survey Monkey and Google forms work for quizzes. A lot of learning management systems (LMS) have this capability as well.