

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL PATROLLERS CERTIFICATION TESTING CRITERIA - MEDICAL

BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED TO ATTAIN **ASSOCIATE** STATUS:

1. Perform proper primary and secondary surveys. This includes: vital signs, recognizing level of consciousness, mechanism of injury, and specific injuries.
2. Treat multiple injuries according to proper priorities.
3. Perform effective first aid. Know and be familiar with equipment being used.
4. Treat for shock beyond splinting.
5. Correctly answer any question posed by judges about the problem.

ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED TO ATTAIN **CERTIFIED** STATUS:

1. Perform all of the above with proficiency and competence.
2. Able to establish a rapport with the patient.
3. Know oxygen therapy; how the equipment works and proper oxygen flow levels.
4. Be able to expedite treatment.
5. Effectively use helpers as necessary.

Note:

Hands on skills will be emphasized, not just a ski area's procedures. The candidate must be able to communicate what he or she is doing as well as perform surveys and apply packaging equipment. Red flag incident procedures, if involved in the scenario, will need discussed. A fair time limit will be established for each scenario and problem. As with all practical tests you may be asked if your evaluation can be audited by a non-testing person for education purposes. You have the right to deny this opportunity. More than one judge may be present during your evaluation for consistency of evaluation.

Required Items for Testing:

1. If new to testing you will need your Patrol Director's sign-off to confirm that you have the skills and knowledge to perform the testing criteria;
2. A patient for scenario testing; and
3. First Aid Equipment that you are familiar with: backboard, airway pack, traction splint, etc.

References:

- National Ski Patrol: Outdoor Emergency Care 5th Edition Manual
- Emergency Medical Technician Manuals and Protocols
- American Red Cross: Emergency Response Manual
- Local Ski Area Protocol
- Association of Professional Patrollers – Study Guide