

TETAF Surveyor Credentialing Requirements Defined:

1. A physician or nurse with current experience in coordinating and managing a Trauma Center and have direct experience in the preparation for and successful completion of trauma facility verifications/designations for no less than two successful surveys.
2. Be currently employed in the coordination of care for trauma patients.
3. A physician or nurse surveyor must be employed by a facility that maintains a trauma designation in good standing with no contingencies with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).
4. Site review team members will meet the expectations of training and associated proctoring based on DSHS guidelines including successful completion of a department- approved trauma facility site surveyor course and successful re-credentialing every four years.
5. Site review team members must have a good understanding of the Performance Improvement Peer Review (PIP) process and associated loop closure.
6. Site review team members must be willing to commit to a minimum of two site surveys per year outside of their Regional Trauma Advisory Council (RAC) and 100 miles from the facility requesting survey services.
7. Must be a strong participant in their Regional Trauma Advisory Council through committee or executive board activity.
8. Site review team members must work in Texas.
9. Site review team members shall participate in training sessions implemented by TETAF and/or DSHS that further the development and consistency in trauma systems and the trauma survey process.
10. All site surveyors must conduct themselves in a professional manner and maintain confidentiality.
11. Site survey team members must review the defined facility and documentation criteria which includes a minimum of ten medical records per reviewer.
12. It is recommended that the site surveyors complete the TOPIC course to gain a higher understanding of the trauma performance improvement process.
13. It is recommended that the surgeon surveyor complete a Trauma Medical Director Course.
14. The following credentials must be current and maintained:
 - A. Nurse: Trauma Nurses Core Course (TNCC) or Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) or Emergency Nurses Pediatric Course (ENPC);
 - B. Physicians: Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS); and
 - C. Have successfully completed a site survey internship to include a Level 3 Observation, a Level 4 Observation and prepared a test report evaluated by one of the preceptors.
15. Surveyors should be currently active in professional organizations supporting trauma patient care including but not limited to:
 - A. Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation (TETAF)
 - B. Texas Trauma Coordinator's Forum (TTCF)
 - C. Society of Trauma Nurses (STN)
 - D. American College of Surgeons (ACS)
 - E. American Trauma Society (ATS)
 - F. Texas Trauma Service Area Regional Advisory Councils (RACs)
 - G. Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)

Trauma Facility Site Surveyor Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Contact Number: _____ Secondary Contact Number: _____

Primary Email Address: _____

Employment Affiliation: _____

Position: _____

Office number: _____ Primary Fax Number: _____

Describe your experience and involvement in the preparation of a successful verification/designation for a Trauma Facility. Please include designation level.

Describe your primary qualifications, leadership involvement and personal strengths that would qualify you to become a site surveyor:

Other education you would like to include:

Please attach the following with submission of application:

1. Copies of current credential documentation of TNCC or ATCN or ATLS (documentation of other credentials, i.e. PALS, may be included) and a copy or documentation of completion of an approved site surveyor course.
2. Three professional references regarding professional experience, specifically in trauma care.
3. Curriculum vitae or resume.

I am currently an active member of the following:

TETAF ACS GETAC ATS TTCF STN RAC _____

SIGNATURE

DATE

Please submit the total application packet electronically to: **bputz@tetaf.org**

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Texas Trauma System.