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Please consider, in depth, aligning education with scope of practice in a manner that creates a clinical ladder from technician to practitioner. For instance:

- EMR: technical certificate
- EMT: technical certificate
- AEMT: technical certificate
- Paramedic: technical certificate or Associate's degree
- Advanced Practice Paramedic: Bachelor's Degree in a relevant discipline
- Paramedic Practitioner: Master of Science in Paramedicine

This kind of alignment would emulate other industrialized nations, incentivize educational attainment without requiring any particular level of degree attainment from a given individual, and recognize the reality that increasingly advanced/complex/expansive practice opportunities require education of meaningful depth and breadth, taught by experts in those fields.

Please do not shy away from explicitly calling for formal degree attainment at particular levels of practice. The time has long-since come.