

MRT/EMT Refresher (4 Days) Course Requirements

All students are governed by the regulations established by the State of Connecticut, Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Course Prerequisites

Students should be certified in Healthcare Provider or Professional Rescuer CPR/AED prior to the beginning of class. OEMS requires CPR and AED skills to be reviewed as part of the certification process. Therefore, **CPR/AED at the Professional Rescuer or Healthcare Provider level is included in this course.** You must attend the CPR/AED portion of this class, if you fail to do this you will not be recommended for State Certification.

Attendance

The Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) requires a minimum of 18 hours for MRT Refresher and 25 hours of training for EMT-B Refresher, in specific areas for State Certification. Since this class is conducted in a condensed format, **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY FOR THE FOUR DAY MRT/ EMT-B REFRESHER COURSE.** Late arrivals and early departures will reflect in your performance and tend to distract others. **Please be punctual.** Classes will start on time.

Didactic Expectations

You are expected to attend all lectures in their entirety. Examinations, both written and practical, will be based on information presented in lecture and textbook readings. You are expected to participate in discussion sessions and group activities to be considered for State Certification.

Practical Expectations

The practical sessions of this class will combine the material given in lecture with practical demonstrations and instruction in the performance of required skills on mannequins and other students. Participation in lab sessions **is mandatory** if you are seeking State Certification. Participation in practical lab sessions has some inherent risks. This course involves strenuous physical activity, the possible exposure to body fluids (including blood), the use of electrical and mechanical devices (including compressed oxygen cylinders, cardiac monitors and defibrillators) and performance of these activities, outside or under less than ideal circumstances. It is **strongly recommended** that you have current immunizations with the following vaccines: Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis and Hepatitis B. It only stands to reason that a person working around bodily fluids and their potential pathogens are current on these immunizations. The costs of these immunizations are the responsibility of the student.

Clinical Expectations

There are no clinical hours required for an MRT or EMT-B refresher.

Class Expectations

This class is taught at a professional level to teach students to become healthcare professionals. Students are expected to behave professionally in all aspects of this class. You must dress appropriately for class; there are many times when we will be rolling around on the floor, working outside or under less than ideal conditions. Because of the hands-on nature of practical sessions, when students become uncomfortable in situations because of the actions of other students, you have the responsibility to immediately inform the course coordinator of your concerns. The same is true for language or gestures that a student may find offensive. **Sexual harassment, in any form or by any means, will result in immediate dismissal from class, forfeiture of recommendation for State Certification and other disciplinary action.**

Accommodations for Disabilities

Participation in didactic, practical and clinical activities requires meeting certain cognitive, affective and psychomotor objectives as outlined in the MRT and EMT-B Curriculum and Functional Job Description of MRTs and EMTs. These objectives are easily identified in the text as "DOT Objectives". State Certification as well as your class evaluation will be based primarily on these objectives. These objectives require a certain degree of motor skills, interpersonal skills, and language skills as outlined in the National Curriculum. If you have conditions, limitations or special needs that may affect your learning or performance of these objectives, you **must notify** the course coordinator **in writing** prior to the end of the first class. This is so reasonable accommodations may be made in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. **Requests for accommodations for special conditions, limitations, and/or specific needs must be made in writing to the course coordinator.**

State Certification Testing

To complete your State Certification, you must pass two tests. One is a written test based on the US Department of Transportation (DOT) National Standard Curriculum. You have two hours to complete 100-150 multiple-choice questions. The second test is your practical exam where you will be required to go through a series of practical stations. These stations usually include a medical patient, trauma patient, CPR/AED station, Spinal Immobilization (EMT Refresher only), Apneic Patient, and a random station. The practical exam is incorporated into the weekend class.

Course Testing Policy

All students who want to receive State Certification are expected to take all scheduled written and practical exams. Course written and practical exams will be based on information from the DOT National Standard Curriculum, State Protocols, and the current required course text, and on any material (both didactic and practical) presented in class. These examinations will be used to help determine eligibility for State Certification. **YOU MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS TO QUALIFY FOR STATE TESTING.** The course coordinator will provide a course syllabus to you. The course coordinator will clarify any discrepancies or questions regarding any of the information presented in class.

Classroom

Students are to respect this property and not misuse this property at any time. Other events may be happening and distractions must be kept to a minimum. **All pagers/radios/cell phones shall be programmed to silent mode during class time. If any of the above items are found to be disruptive to the class, they will be confiscated and returned to you at the end of class. Text messaging during classroom time is not allowed.** Breaks are provided where you will have the opportunity to return messages. At the conclusion of each class, the room must be picked up and left neat and orderly.

Registration Deadline

All applications must be mailed or faxed into the office by the course registration deadline. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS. This is so we may order the textbooks and have them for distribution on the first night of class. The address and fax numbers are on the registration form.

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