

EMT/MRT Bridge and EMT-B 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.

For Bridge Students Only:

You must also hold a **current** MRT certification and be in good standing with the State of Connecticut Office of Emergency Services. You must provide a copy of your MRT certification when you submit your registration form. 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 95 hours of training for MRT to EMT-B and a minimum of 130 hours for EMT-B in specific areas for State Certification. Although attendance is not a factor in your grade, it is expected that you keep up with the course readings and materials presented in class. There is a limit of two (2) excused absences from class. Prior notice must be given to the coordinator. Rolls will be kept for each class and require your signature to verify your attendance. It is your responsibility to account for all missed lectures, practical labs, or tests and make up the missed materials. It is your responsibility to make sure you have kept up with the readings. Falling behind on the readings will make it harder to maintain a passing grade point average. Late arrivals and early departures will reflect in your performance and tend to distract others. **Please be punctual.** Classes will start on time.

Mandatory Classes

In order to qualify for State Certification you must attend the Childbirth and Extrication classes. If you miss these classes you will not be recommended for State Certification.

Reading and Writing Expectations

You are responsible to complete all assigned readings before the start of class. You must be able to read at the minimum of an 8th grade reading level to comprehend the reading assignments. Test and quizzes are based on the assigned readings and lectures given.

Part of the Functional Job Description of an EMT-Basic is to be able to give written and oral patient care reports. In the course, you will be required to write patient care reports and give oral presentations on patient care.

Didactic Expectations

You are expected to attend all lectures in their entirety. If you are scheduled to be on duty, you are expected to make arrangements for someone else to cover your shift. Leaving a class to go out on a call is not allowed. You must be present the entire time of the scheduled class. Examinations, both written and practical, will be based on information presented in lecture, handouts, 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.

Clinical Expectations

Your clinical rotation is mandatory if you are seeking State Certification. The State OEMS requires 10 hours of clinical field internship for EMT-B. Arrangements have been made with New Hartford Volunteer Ambulance to assist you in completing this requirement. Participation in the clinical and field internship has some inherent risks, including but not limited to exposure to blood and/or body fluids, strenuous physical activity, lifting and moving patients, the use of electrical and mechanical devices. These activities may be in a hospital or clinic setting or they may be outdoors under extremes in weather. Specific guidelines for your rotation have been set. You are expected to follow those guidelines or you will be dismissed from your clinical rotation and not recommended for State Certification. Because specific contracts have been signed with the clinical sites, you are to fulfill your clinical and field internship at the clinical sites associated with this course. 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.

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 EMT-B Curriculum and Functional Job Description of 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 EMT-B 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 week of 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 computerized test based on the US Department of Transportation (DOT) National Standard Curriculum. You have two hours to complete the computerized 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, Apneic Patient, and a random station. You will be notified by the course coordinator of when and where your practical test will be. For initial EMT-B certification there is a fee to take these examinations. Your course coordinator will inform you of these fees. If you do not pass either test you may schedule a second test with your course coordinator who will contact OEMS for the reschedule of your testing. For initial EMT-B this may be done after paying the retesting fees. Your course coordinator will clarify the procedures taken if you do not pass your practical exam. For initial EMT-B if you fail **only one** station, you will be notified by OEMS. You will need to contact your course coordinator to repeat that station. If you fail two or more stations you need to notify your course coordinator who will contact OEMS for reschedule of your testing after paying the retesting fees.

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 MAINTAIN A 70% GRADE POINT AVERAGE 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.

To Qualify for a 10% discount off the course price:

Any returning student to a Vintech sponsored course can obtain a 10% discount off the course price. You must provide on the registration form, the name of the course you completed and the date you completed the course.

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.