

Course Information Packet

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LIFESAVER EDUCATION COURSES EMS eCADEMY

2020 Onsite Courses

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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in this online course offered by Lifesaver Education Courses. This Course Information Packet (CIP) contains an overview of the course, costs to participate, and describes the eCADEMY's admission procedure. This is NOT an application, you must apply online at www.lifesavercourses.com/apply. Review this complete document carefully before continuing with the application process. If you have any questions after reviewing this document, contact the Admissions Office at 800-311-5844 or admissions@lifesavercourses.com.

Course Information

Onsite Course with Open Enrollment: This is an onsite course. You must attend the course in person at the class location. You can enroll for admission beginning on **December 14, 2019**. Enrollment ends at **midnight on January 6, 2020**. Enrollment is open to anyone meeting the course requirements and the Academy's admission policies.

Curriculum: This course is taught according to the current National EMS Education Standards (NEMSES) by NHTSA for the Emergency Medical Responder. This course meets or exceeds all Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) requirements. The skills, methods, and procedures taught during this course will comply with the NEMSES. Students are advised that state and local skills, methods, procedures and protocols may differ from the national standard. It will be your responsibility to apprise yourself of state and local skills, methods, procedures, and protocols.

College Credit: No college credit is earned for successfully completing this course.

Clinical Rotations: No clinical rotations are required to complete this course.

Completion Timeframe: The course meets on **Thursdays from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm beginning on January 9, 2020 and ends approximately April 23, 2020**. This course is composed of self-learning modules and instructor-led segments.

Passing Score: The minimum passing score for this course is a cumulative grade of 80.0%.

Completion: Upon successful completion of this course, the student will receive an course completion certificate, be eligible to apply to take the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT) certification examination for the EMR and be eligible to apply for Texas state certification.

NREMT Testing Deadline: You must take the National Registry certification examination within two years after completing this course.

Statement of Functional Position Description: The Texas Department of State Health Services requires that applicants review the following Functional Position Description. Please carefully review the entire section; it outlines the general duties and requirements of the EMR.

Introduction

The following general position description for the EMT is provided as a guide for advising those interested in understanding the qualifications, competencies, and tasks required for emergency medical services certification. It is the ultimate responsibility of an employer to define specific job descriptions within the EMS entity.

Qualifications

To qualify for EMS certification or licensure an individual must successfully complete a Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) approved course and achieve competency in each of the psychomotor skills. In addition, the individual must achieve a passing score on the National Registry examination. Must be at least 18 years of age. Possess a high school education or equivalent. Ability to communicate verbally via telephone and radio equipment; ability to lift, carry and balance up to 125 pounds alone or 250 pounds with assistance; ability to interpret written, oral and diagnostic form instructions; ability to see and hear well; ability to use good judgment and remain calm in high-stress situations; ability to work efficiently throughout an entire work shift; ability to calculate weight and volume ratios and read small print, both under life threatening time constraints; ability to read and understand English language manuals and road maps; ability to accurately discern street sign and address numbers; ability to interview patient, family members and bystanders; ability to document, in writing, all relevant information in prescribed format in light of legal ramifications of such; ability to converse in English with coworkers and hospital staff as to status of patient. Good manual dexterity, with ability to perform all tasks related to highest quality patient care. Ability to bend, stoop, and crawl on uneven terrain; and the ability to withstand varied environmental conditions such as extreme heat, cold, and moisture. Ability to work in low light, confined spaces and other dangerous environments.

Competency Areas

Must demonstrate competency handling emergencies utilizing all Basic Life Support equipment and skills in accordance with all behavioral objectives in the DOT EMR curriculum and the FEMA document entitled “Recognizing and Identifying Hazardous Material,” and to include aids for resuscitation, blood pressure by palpation and auscultation, oral suctioning, spinal immobilization, patient assessment, and adult, child and infant CPR. Automated external defibrillation is a required course skill.

Description of Tasks

Receives call from dispatcher, responds appropriately to emergency calls, reads maps, may drive ambulance to emergency site, uses most expeditious route, and observes traffic ordinances and regulations. Determines nature and extent of illness or injury; takes pulse; blood pressure; visually observes changes in skin color; auscultates blood pressure, heart tones and breath sounds; makes determination regarding patient status; establishes priority for emergency care; renders appropriate emergency care (based on competency level); may administer intravenous drugs or fluid replacement as directed by physician. May use equipment (based on competency level) such as but not limited to, defibrillator, electrocardiograph. Performs endotracheal intubation to open airways and ventilate patient, inflate pneumatic anti-shock garment to improve patient’s blood circulation. Assists in lifting, carrying, and transporting patient to ambulance and on to a medical facility. Reassures patients and bystanders, avoids mishandling patient and undue haste, searches for medical identification emblem to aid in care. Extricates patient from entrapment, assesses extent of injury, uses prescribed techniques and appliances, radios dispatcher for additional assistance or services, provides light rescue service if required,

provides additional emergency care following established protocols. Complies with regulations in handling deceased, notifies authorities, arranges for protection of property and evidence at scene. Determines appropriate facility to which patient will be transported, reports nature and extent of injuries or illness to the facility, asks for direction from hospital physician or emergency department. Observes patient in route and administers care as directed by physician or emergency department or according to published protocol. Identifies diagnostic signs that require communication with facility. Assists in removing patient from ambulance and into emergency facility. Reports verbally and in writing observations about the patient, patient care at the scene and in route to the facility, provides assistance to emergency staff as required. Replaces supplies, sends used supplies for sterilization, checks all equipment for future readiness, maintains ambulance in operable condition, ensures ambulance cleanliness and orderliness of equipment and supplies, decontaminates vehicle interior, determines vehicle readiness by checking oil, gas, water in battery and radiator, and tire pressure, maintains familiarity with all specialized equipment.

Admission Requirements

Our Commitment to Equality: It is the policy of Lifesaver Education Courses to treat all students in a fair and equal manner and we do not discriminate based on race, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, position in the community, or disability that does not prohibit performance of essential skills.

Minimum Age: The NREMT does not require you be 18 years of age or older to take the certification examination. Candidates have two years after the completion of this course to take the examination. Texas requires applicants seeking state certification to be at least 18 years of age. Applicants seeking certification in another state should check with that state’s EMS regulatory agency for requirements.

Education: The NREMT does not require you to have a high school diploma or GED to take the certification examination. Texas requires applicants seeking state certification to have a high school diploma or GED. Applicants seeking certification in another state should check that state’s EMS regulatory agency for requirements.

We recommend all candidates complete an appropriate standardized aptitude test battery (such as the General Aptitude Test Battery (GATB)) and a standardized test of reading achievement before enrolling in this course. This testing assesses capacities and abilities necessary to comprehend the information relayed in the EMR course.

Email and Internet: You must have an email address and access to the Internet to enroll in this course.

Computer System Requirements: You must have a compatible computer and necessary plug ins to access the online learning system and video conferencing.

Operating System	Version	Browser
Microsoft Windows (PC)	XP, Vista, 7 or higher	Firefox 3.6, 8.0 or higher Internet Explorer 7.0 or higher
Mac OS (Mac)	10.7 or higher	Firefox 3.6, 8.0 or higher Safari 5.1 or higher
Plug In Application	PC Version	Mac Version
Adobe Flash Player	8.0 or higher	8.0 or higher

Microsoft PowerPoint Viewer	2003 or higher	2004 or higher
Adobe Reader	7.0.5 or higher	7.0.5 or higher
Speakers		
Microphone Recommended		
Camera Recommended		

Criminal History: A criminal history background check is required. Candidates with any criminal history should discuss their situation with the Admissions Staff.

A criminal history will not automatically prevent an applicant from becoming certified in Texas, but depending on the nature of the offense, certain Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) rules could prohibit the student from becoming certified. See [25 Texas Administrative Code §157.36](#) which states in part, "A person shall be disqualified from eligibility to acquire an EMS certification, or a person's initial or renewal application for EMS certification or paramedic licensure shall be denied, or a person's EMS certification or paramedic license, whether active or inactive, shall be revoked if the petitioner, applicant, certificant, or licensed paramedic is convicted of or place on deferred adjudication community supervision or deferred disposition for an offense committed on or after September 1, 2009 listed in Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 42.12, Sections 3g(a)(1)(A) through (H) as follows: (1) murder; (2) capital murder; (3) indecency with a child; (4) aggravated kidnapping; (5) aggravated sexual assault; (6) aggravated robbery; (7) substance abuse offenses, as described in Health and Safety Code, Chapter 481, for which punishment is increased under: (a) Health and Safety Code, §481.140, regarding the use of a child in the commission of an offense; or (b) Health and Safety Code, §481.134(c), (d), (e) or (f), regarding an offense committed within a drug free zone, if it is shown that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense for which punishment was increased under one of those subsections; (8) sexual assault; (9) An offense, other than an offense committed on or after September 1, 2009, for which the person is subject to register as a sex offender under Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 62." Any criminal offenses NOT LISTED ABOVE are subject to TDSHS review which may lead to denial, suspension, or revocation. You can ask the TDSHS to prescreen your criminal history prior to enrolling in a program for a \$50.00 fee. You may contact the TDSHS at emscert@dshs.state.tx.us for further information. All applicants for Texas state certification must submit to a federal background fingerprint check. This is conducted through a state contractor and there is a fee for the fingerprint check. For further information refer to [25 Texas Administrative Code §157.37](#).

Applicants seeking certification in another state should check with that state's EMS regulatory agency to discuss your criminal history and background check requirements.

Drug Screen: A urine drug screen is required and will be randomly conducted at one of the classes. Random drug testing is mandatory during the course.

Healthcare Provider CPR-BLS Completion: Candidates MUST hold a current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider; American Red Cross Professional Rescuer; American Safety & Health Institute CPR Pro or National Safety Council Professional Rescuer CPR; or EMS Safety Services CPR and AED for Professional Rescuers course completion card.

Liability Waiver: Candidates accepted into the eCADEMY must sign a waiver and release of liability for

participating in this course. Other course participation documents may be required.

Immunizations: Texas law does not require students who will not participate in clinical rotations to have immunizations.

Applicants seeking certification in another state should check with that state's EMS regulatory agency for information regarding immunizations.

For your own safety, Lifesaver Education Courses strongly recommends you obtain the following immunizations:

- a. **Tetanus-diphtheria (Td):** One dose within the last 10 years. A booster dose may be in the form of a tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.
- b. **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR):** Measles--Students born after 1/1/1957 must have had either two doses of measles vaccine administered since January 1, 1968 and on or after their first birthday and at least 28 days apart; OR at least one dose of measles vaccine administered on or after their first birthday. Mumps--Students born on or after 1/1/1957 must have had either one dose of mumps vaccine administered on or after their first birthday. Rubella--Must have one dose administered on or after their first birthday. Many times this vaccine is administered as a MMR dose. If you have the MMR dose, you must have two doses of vaccine.
- c. **Varicella (Chickenpox):** One dose of vaccine for students who received this vaccine prior to 13 years of age; two doses for students who were not vaccinated before their 13th birthday. A history of chickenpox validated by the student, student's physician or parent is acceptable in lieu of vaccination.
- d. **Tuberculosis (TB):** An annual skin test.
- e. **Hepatitis B:** A series of three shots.
- f. **Influenza:** Annual seasonal vaccination.

Disability Accommodations

The LEC EMS eCADEMY complies with applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and applicable Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) rules. The student has been provided with a Statement of Functional Position Description with outlines the general position description for the ECA, EMT and AEMT.

Permitted Testing: The law permits testing that requires the use of sensory, manual or speaking skills where the tests are intended to measure essential functions of the profession.

Requesting an Accommodation: LEC will work with applicants on a case-by-case basis to make reasonable accommodations to disabled students.

Applicants requesting an accommodation must submit a Request for Disability Accommodation prior to starting the course. Contact the Admissions Office for assistance. Documentation confirming and describing the disability must be submitted for consideration. Students who do not properly submit a request for disability accommodation will not receive any accommodation, regardless of their disability.

NREMT Testing Accommodations: There is a separate process for requesting an accommodation for the National Registry certification examination. The National Registry will establish eligibility for accommodations. For information about the National Registry Disability Policy go to:

http://www.nremt.org/nremt/about/policy_accommodations.asp

Accommodations that CANNOT Be Made: The following are some examples of accommodations that cannot be made due to the essential functions of the profession. Contact the Admissions Office for assistance.

- a. No accommodation during course testing that will compromise or fundamentally alter the testing of skills that are required to function safely and efficiently within the profession
- b. No additional time for skills within specific time frames
- c. A written examination may not be given with an oral reader
- d. A written test must be completed within the allowable time

Tuition, Fees, Payment and Refunds

Students will be responsible for the costs of tuition, fees, textbooks and course materials. In addition, students are responsible for lodging, meals and transportation to and from breakout sessions.

Once you complete this course, students are responsible for application and testing fees required by the National Registry of EMTs and the state EMS regulatory agency in which they will seek certification.

We have included a financial planner for illustrative purposes below. It will provide you with an estimate of the full cost to participate in this course.

Item	Fee	Notes	My Cost
Tuition	\$420.00	Required	\$420.00
Drug Screen	\$24.50	Required	\$24.50
Criminal Background	\$30.00	Required (Non-Refundable)	\$30.00
Lab Fee	\$40.00	Required	\$40.00
Psychomotor Skill Test Fee	\$35.00	Required	\$35.00
Choose One Option (Required)			
Once enrolled, the student will be able to access their online account and order their EMR Package. Payment for the EMR Package is due at checkout.			
Textbook and eBook with access to online learning and testing system	\$166.65	Required (Non-Refundable)	\$166.65
eBook only with access to online learning and testing system	\$106.65	Required (Non-Refundable)	\$106.65
Other Potential Costs			
Immunizations		Recommended, not required	
Travel and meals			
NREMT Application Fee	\$75.00	(Charged for each attempt to pass the exam)	

Texas State Certification Fee	\$64.00	If you are seeking Texas Certification	
		My Anticipated Costs:	

Payment: Students have the option to choose a payment plan as described below. You must choose your payment option when applying for admission. The total amount for the course is due as follows:

Pay in Full Option		Deferred Payment Plan Option	
Due within 7 days of enrollment	100%	Due within 7 days of enrollment	60%
		Due in two equal monthly payments	40%

- A \$15.00 fee will be assessed to students choosing the Deferred Payment Plan.
- Statements process on the first business day of the month and are submitted electronically to students. Payment is due by the 15th day of the month.
- A student who does not pay the balance due within 7 days of the due date will be suspended until payment is received.
- Accounts 31 days past due are considered delinquent and will result in the student being involuntarily withdrawn from the Academy.
- Delinquent accounts may be referred to a collection agency. A collection fee of 33% of delinquent balance will be added to accounts referred to a collection agency.

Refunds: Lifesaver Education Courses will make refunds to students who properly withdraw from the Academy in accordance with our policy. Students who do not follow the withdrawal procedure will not receive a refund.

- Students who withdraw before attending the first scheduled class will receive a 100% refund of eligible fees and a 80% refund of tuition paid.
- Students who withdraw before attending the second scheduled class will receive a 75% refund of eligible fees paid and a 50% refund of tuition paid.
- Students who withdraw before attending the third scheduled class will receive a 50% refund of eligible fees paid and a 25% refund of tuition paid.
- No monies are refunded after the student attends the third class.

Fees eligible for refund include the drug screen, lab, and psychomotor skill testing fees. EMR Package, and criminal history fees are not eligible for refunds. Refunds will be made within thirty (30) calendar days of the student's withdrawal.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I live in a state other than Texas. Can I take this course?

A: Yes, you can take this course. The curriculum is the national standard and you will take the NREMT certification examination. You will need to know the requirements for the state you will be seeking certification in after you pass the NREMT examination.

Q: I am not 18 years old. Can I take this course?

A: Yes, you can take this course. The NREMT does not require you to be 18 years old to take the certification examination. You will need to know the requirements for the state you will be seeking certification in after you pass the NREMT examination. For example, in Texas, you must be 18 to apply

for state certification.

Q: I do not have a high school diploma or GED. Can I take this course?

A: Yes, you can take this course. The NREMT does not require you to have a diploma or GED to take the certification examination. You will need to know the requirements for the state you will be seeking certification in after you pass the NREMT examination. For example, in Texas, you must have a high school diploma or GED to apply for state certification.

Questions?

For questions about this course visit our website at www.lifesavercourses.com, email us at admissions@lifesavercourses.com or call our Admissions Office at 800-311-5844.

For questions about written testing contact the National Registry of EMTs. Visit www.nremt.org.

For questions about Texas state certification, contact the Texas Department of State Health Services. Visit <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/default.shtm>.

For questions about state certification for a state other than Texas, contact that state's EMS regulatory agency.

How to Apply for Admission

Enrollment is open to anyone meeting the course requirements and the Academy's admission policies. Enrollment begins on December 14, 2019 and ends on January 6, 2020 at midnight. Candidates will receive written notification of their admission status within two days.

You can apply for admission to this course by going to our website, www.lifesavercourses.com/apply.

Attend an Information Session

We invite you to attend an information session on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm at Canyon Fire Department, 301 16th Street, Canyon, Texas 79015 to learn more about this course. You can also apply for admission during the meeting.