



Emergency Medical Response Instructor Course Fact Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the Emergency Medical Response Instructor course is to train instructor candidates to teach the American Red Cross Emergency Medical Response (EMR) course. Instructor candidates who successfully complete this instructor course will receive an American Red Cross Emergency Medical Response Instructor certification that makes them eligible to teach the EMR course for two years.

Course Prerequisites

To participate in the Emergency Medical Response instructor course, instructor candidates must:

- Be at least 17 years of age on the last day of the instructor course.
- Possess a current American Red Cross Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification, or equivalent or higher.
- Obtain all instructor and participant materials before entering the first session of the instructor course including:
 - *Emergency Medical Response Instructor's Manual*
 - *Emergency Medical Response* textbook
 - *Emergency Medical Response* DVD

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of the Emergency Medical Response Instructor course, instructor candidates should be thoroughly familiar with the program materials and should be able to:

- Exhibit the characteristics required of an American Red Cross representative and role model.
- Successfully perform skills at an appropriate skill level.
- Plan, organize and conduct individual course components for the Emergency Medical Response course including lecture, skill demonstration and practice, activities, and scenarios.
- Monitor participants' practice and provide corrective feedback and encouragement consistent with course materials.
- Demonstrate proficiency in how to use all course materials including the instructor's manual, DVD, course presentation, skill sheets, and scenario materials.
- Explain how to plan, organize and conduct review and challenge courses for the Emergency Medical Response program.
- Explain procedures for reporting course completion and awarding certificates.

Certification Requirements

In order to receive their instructor certification, instructor candidates must:

- Complete the online introduction to the Emergency Medical Response Instructor course.
- Complete the precourse skills assessments including providing proof of the necessary prerequisites.
- Participate in all classroom activities including demonstrating proper skills during skills practice and practice-teaching assignments.

- Complete three practice-teaching assignments as assigned by the instructor trainer.
- Complete a 25-question written exam with a score of at least 80 percent.

Certification

Instructor candidates who successfully complete the Emergency Medical Response Instructor course will be issued an Emergency Medical Response Instructor certification that is valid for two years.

Course Length

The online introduction that provides an introduction to the Red Cross, an overview of the EMR program and materials, a review of teaching strategies and techniques, and a review of instructor responsibilities and requirements is approximately 2 hours.

The precourse skills session allows instructor candidates to practice and demonstrate proficiency in a variety of skills. The skill session is approximately 1 hour, 30 minutes.

The in-person session featuring lecture, demonstration, activities, skill practice, and practice-teaching assignments is approximately 11 hours, 40 minutes with an additional optional 60 minutes for workshops to prepare for practice-teaching assignments.

Instructor Trainers

Instructor Trainers must hold an Emergency Medical Response Instructor Trainer certificate in order to teach the Emergency Medical Response Instructor course.

Specific information on eligibility and instructions on how to receive an EMR Instructor Trainer certification can be found in the “Instructor Tools” area of Instructor’s Corner.

Course Materials

Instructor materials are available for free digital download from the EMR Instructor Candidate’s Page (IC): <https://www.instructorscorner.org/s/candidate-emergency-medical-response>. Print instructor materials and the textbook are available for purchase through the Red Cross Store (Store):

- Textbook (Store)
- Instructor’s Manual (Store and IC)
- Course Presentations (IC)
- Videos/DVD (Store and IC)

To teach the EMR Instructor course, Instructor Trainers use the EMR Instructor Trainer’s Guide (ITG). The EMR ITG is available to Instructor Trainers on the EMR Course Materials page on Instructor’s Corner (www.instructorscorner.org – login required).