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## Key Information - What you need to know for your 'Intensive' Hybrid EMT Course - Oregon:



### Pre-requisites – Students must:

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age by last day of course
- Have a High School Diploma or equivalent
- Have current documentation of vaccination including but not limited to,
- (MMR) Mumps, Measles and Rubella Immunizations
- (HBV) Hepatitis B Immunization
- Varicella Immunizations
- TD/Tdap – must be from within 12 months of end date of course
- Have tuberculosis (TB) screen from within 12 months of the end date of course
- Complete background check through CastleBranch and 10-panel drug screen

**\*\*Oregon Residents:** Please note that CastleBranch does not provide drug testing in all areas of Oregon. Please use an alternative lab in your area or your doctor for your drug screening.

See EMT Onboarding Guide and Checklist for full list of pre-course requirements.

### Course Outcomes:

- 216 course hours
- Prepares you for the NREMT (Practical Examination for EMT)
- Computer-based testing dates may be chosen 24 hours after course completion at a number of computer-based testing sites through [Pearson Vue](#)

### Course Tuition includes (\$3,495):

- Experienced Instructional Staff, certified as NREMT to NREMT-P
- American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR 2-year certification
- CEVO 5 Ambulance Driver and Traffic Incident Responder Training certifications.
- Clinical malpractice insurance
- All course equipment is provided for student use
- Access to all course equipment after class hours for study and practice
- Up to 16 hours of clinical experience on ambulances
- Quizzes for material highlights and retention
- Learn additional advance life support assist skills that increase your abilities
- Oregon Community College Registration Fee

### **Course cost does not include:**

- **REQUIRED** course textbook (Jones & Bartlett AAOS Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured, 13th Edition - ISBN:9781284325133)
- Background Check & 10 Panel Drug Screen
- Lodging – Limited rooms are available on site in Tygh Valley, OR for an additional fee. It is highly recommended that students stay on-site.
- Other Charges & Associated Costs (incurred by the student): Travel to and from the course location, food during the course, basic classroom supplies such as notebook and pencils, and costs associated with pre-course requirements such as background check, drug screen and immunizations.

### **Student expectations of our courses:**

- Our instructors know the materials and teach the curriculum to individual learners
- Our pass rate for NREMT is approximately 90%
- Our online classroom learning focuses on clear information and rehearsal
- Realistic scenarios during the practical sessions meld the curriculum pieces for big picture understanding.
- Online Class hours from 6AM-3PM PST and study sessions in evening
- Practical class hours from 8AM – 5PM PST and clinicals

Students can expect 10 days of online, Virtual Live Instructor Led Training and homework assignments including text readings and quizzes. The online component is followed by 11 days of in-person, hands-on practical. *The first 10 days of this online course are extremely intense as we share a significant portion of the course material.* The design that we find makes our students most successful is to go hard and heavy at the start, then review and teach the closing topics as we prepare for testing.

### **Expectations of our students:**

- Students are required to attend all course lectures, skill sessions and clinicals
- Students are expected to participate 100%
- Students are expected to be accountable for an 80% average on all course exams
- Students are expected to retest any exams less than 75%
- Students are expected to be punctual to class and to clinical rotations
- Students are expected to ask for help when they are uncertain
- Students are expected to behave as community members at our campus

On the first day of our course, students will sign a contract agreeing to the statements above.

## Course Itinerary Snapshot:

- **Pre-course:** Students must complete approximately 30-35 hours of asynchronous web-based training using NCOAE's e-learning site.
- **Days 1-10:** Virtual instruction. Lectures and activities are conducted remotely, in real time utilizing VILT software. Students must pass several module exams and a comprehensive final exam in order to complete this phase.
- Short break to allow students travel time to our Oregon campus. Housing at our Oregon campus is limited and will be filled on a 'first-come-first serve basis'. There are a variety of hotels and rental properties within Wasco County.
- **Days 11-14:** In-person, hands-on skills training. You'll apply everything you learned so far and put it all together, learning to assess and treat a variety of medical emergencies.
- **Days 15-18:** Clinical and field experience. Students complete up to 16 hours of clinical time in the area emergency departments and on board EMS ambulances, applying their skills in real life under the guidance of trained preceptors.
- **Days 19-20:** Psychomotor skills review and testing. Oregon EMS education standards require students undergo and pass psychomotor testing and hands on skills evaluation. You'll demonstrate what you've learned by completing full scenarios involving assessment, treatment and transport of a patient undergoing a medical emergency.
- **Day 21:** Graduation! Certificates, pictures, hugs and high-fives!

## **FAQ's**

### **Q: What is the cost for the Intensive EMT?**

**A:** The cost of tuition is \$3,495. This includes the \$300 Oregon Community College Registration Fee. There is also an additional fee for on-campus housing.

### **Q: Where is the practical session located?**

**A:** The practical session will take place at NCOAE's campus in Tygh Valley, Oregon. Tygh Valley is about 1.5 hours from Portland or Bend; 20 minutes from Maupin; 45 minutes from The Dalles; and about 1 hour from Hood River.

### **Q: When do we sign up for clinical?**

**A:** You will be assigned a clinical ride-along site and time during the first week of class. Students will complete up to 24 hours of clinicals. You can expect a minimum of one 8 hour shift up to two 12 hour shifts. Regardless the requirement for state and national standards will be met.

### **Q: What is the average age of students?**

**A:** On average between 18 and 30 – but we commonly have older students as well.

### **Q: What are my housing options during the practical portion?**

**A:** Limited on-site housing options are available at the NCOAE campus in Tygh Valley. Tent cabins, tent sites, and RV/Camper parking are available. Please contact NCOAE's office for more details.

Other students choose to stay off site at surrounding campgrounds, AirBNBs or hotels.

### **Q: What kind of time off do we get during class?**

**A:** Time off depends on your clinical schedule during the practical session and your evening time management. Students may have one day off during their practical session.

There is lots to do in and around Tygh Valley! We're always happy to recommend things to go do and see.

### **Q: In the event that I do not pass my first NREMT exam attempts will the school assist me with resources and recommendation for retesting?**

**A:** Yes, we monitor all test scores from our students and are happy to serve as a resource.

**Q: Who takes the Hybrid EMT Intensive course?**

**A:** An EMT certification is required by many rescue and law enforcement entities, lifeguards, ski patrol, athletic trainers, as well as recreational guides and of course ambulance medics. Many folks come to us for a strong foundation in EMS training before they go on to advanced training.

**Q: If I have a current WFR does that upgrade me to a WEMT?**

**A:** It depends. If you have successfully completed one of *our* WFR courses and your certification has not yet expired, then yes; you will automatically upgrade to a WEMT until the original WFR certification expires. Your wilderness upgrade (WEMT) expiration date is the same as your original WFR certification expiration date.

If you received your WFR certification from another provider, you will need to contact that provider after completing your EMT course and provide them with proof of successful completion of the EMT course. That provider will determine whether or not you may be upgraded to a WEMT.

**Q: Are financial scholarships available for the EMT course?**

**A:** No, not at this time.

**Q: Is college credit available for this course?**

**A:** Yes. It is common for students enrolled in other universities to submit paperwork to be completed by our administration to receive appropriate credit.

**Q: Are meals included?**

**A:** No. You are responsible for your own food during the course. There is a kitchen at NCOAE and it is recommended that you make a stop at the grocery store before heading into Tygh Valley. There are a couple of nearby grocery stores, but selection can be limited and quite expensive. Larger grocery options are about a 45-minute drive to The Dalles. We recommend coming prepared and stocking up before arriving in Tygh Valley.

**Q: Can I come to the course with my wife, husband, girlfriend or significant other?**

**A:** Yes, but we discourage exclusive relationships which are often taxed under intense conditions like our course.

**Q: What kind of computer/internet access to I need?**

**A:** You will definitely need a functional computer and reliable internet access for the duration of your virtual training. We recommend a laptop or desktop, but students have successfully used tablets. For the virtual portion, you **MUST** have a functional webcam and be able to run Zoom and our course website simultaneously. We have found that Chrome and Firefox work best for most applications. You will be required to bring a laptop or tablet with you to the practical session for testing purposes.

**Q: Do I need a car during the practical?**

**A:** Yes, students absolutely need to have their own vehicle. No exceptions. You are responsible for your own transportation for the duration of the course. That includes getting to/from all clinical rotations which are at a variety of locations throughout the region. If you are carpooling with a friend and sharing a vehicle, let us know and we will do our best to work with you. You should not plan on relying on other students for your transportation.

**Q: Is the COVID-19 Vaccine required?**

**A:** At this time, a COVID-19 Vaccine series is not required for our program. Please note this is subject to change at any time.

**Q: Are there any additional fees for this course?**

**A:** Tuition does not include the following items and out-of-pocket costs may apply:

- Course Textbook (Jones & Barlett - AAOS Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured, 13th edition - ISBN:9781284325133)
- Background Check & Drug Screen
- Lodging (if applicable)
- Updated vaccines & immunization test (if applicable)
- NREMT exam fees (if applicable)
- NC State EMT exam fees (if applicable)
- Fingerprinting (if applicable)

For more information on estimated costs for any of the above potential out-of-pocket costs, please email [studentservices@ncoae.org](mailto:studentservices@ncoae.org).

## **NCOAE Policies**

### **Release/Assumption of Risk**

All participants will be asked to read and sign a release acknowledging the inherent risks that are involved in any of NCOAE's courses or programs. Minors will have a parent or guardian sign on their behalf.

### **Eligibility**

Participants must be of sound health and able to walk 3-4 miles a day. Although much of the day is occupied with classroom and practical skills time, this request serves to mark an appropriate level of physical fitness.

### **Deposits and Refunds**

1. A non-refundable, 10% tuition deposit required to hold a spot in a course.
2. Full tuition payment due 30 days before course start.
3. Registration within 30 days of course start requires full tuition at registration.

#### **4. REFUNDS**

Please note the following general policy about requests for course and training refunds:

- If you request a refund more than 30 days prior to — or equal to 30 days prior to — the start date of your NCOAE course or training, you are entitled to refund minus the 10 percent (10%) tuition deposit.
- If you request a refund anytime between 29 days and the start date of your course or training, there will be no refunds — but a transfer may be possible (see below).
- If your NCOAE course or training is canceled due to low enrollment, 100 percent (100%) of your payment is fully transferable to another NCOAE course or training. Or, if you prefer, all fees paid for your course or training can be refunded at your request.
- All funds are forfeited under any and all circumstances in any attempt to cancel or transfer a second time, under the originally registered/enrolled course or training.

#### **5. TRANSFERS**

Please note the following about transfer requests for NCOAE courses and trainings:

- If you request a course or training transfer (i.e., you request that we enroll you in a different course or training than the one registered for) within 30 days prior to the new course's or training's start date — or equal to 30 days prior to the new course's or training's start date —

50 percent (50%) of your tuition is transferable to the new course or training; the remainder is forfeited.

- Transfers must be made to courses or trainings (at the base, only) within one (1) calendar year of original course or training enrollment, or funds will be forfeited.
- Funds may not be transferred to an outside, sponsored course or training.
- Only one (1) transfer per student is allowed.

## **REFUNDS, AND TRANSFERS FOR EMT TRAINING STUDENTS**

Please note the following about refund and transfer requests for students already enrolled and participating in NCOAE EMT trainings:

**Students who fail the virtual instruction portion of their EMT training:** Students who fail the virtual instruction portion or any portion of the Standard EMT training will be allowed to return for another EMT training at no additional tuition charge (on-campus housing fee still required, if applicable), within six (6) months of the original course start date. The new course must occur at a date and time that works for both the school's and student's schedule. Only one (1) retake is allowed at no charge. Students who fail a second time and wish to return for another attempt will be required to pay the full tuition amount plus any on-campus housing fee, if applicable.

**Students who fail the practical instruction portion of their EMT training:** If you fail the practical instruction portion of your Hybrid EMT training, you will be allowed to return to campus to participate in another practical session within one (1) year of your original course start date. The fee for retaking the practical portion of your Hybrid EMT training is \$385.00, which includes the cost of on-site housing.

**Students who are not able to complete the clinical component:** Students who pass both the final exam and psychomotor testing, but are unable to complete the clinical component, have 60 days to reschedule clinical hours. After 60 days, the student may return to campus to participate in another practical session within six (6) months of the original course start date for an additional fee.

To initiate a course or training transfer, please contact NCOAE Headquarters via email ([info@NCOAE.org](mailto:info@NCOAE.org) – Subject Line: Transfer Request) or by phone (we're available Monday through Friday between 8:30 a. m – 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time by calling [\(910\) 399-8090](tel:9103998090)).

To request a refund, first call the NCOAE office to determine refund eligibility. We're available Monday through Friday between 8:30 a. m – 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time by calling [\(910\) 399-8090](tel:9103998090). Please note: A signed letter is required for refund consideration.

## **Community Living**

Much of the instruction will be led as a participatory and hands-on activity, with micro-lecturettes for specific topics and workshops. In our course, each person is expected to participate fully within the class context. This includes participating in general chores like classroom power cleans, collecting and maintaining classroom equipment. All participants should be prepared to work within the group's dynamics.

### **Drugs and Alcohol – This is a ZERO TOLERANCE policy**

No controlled substances or alcoholic beverage are permitted on NCOAE property or during courses. Violation of this policy will result in immediate expulsion from the program with no fee or tuition reimbursement.

All participants under the influence of a prescription medication must inform the administration on their health forms, and the course instructors will also have access to that information. Medications and health issues should not disqualify you from a program; instructors need to know how to help you in the event that you need it. We encourage participants to bring all medications needed during course hours.

### **Tobacco**

Class times are inappropriate for tobacco product use (chew, cigarettes, etc.). During 10 minute breaks, lunch, and after class we ask folks to smoke, etc. in the parking lot in the designated area only. Violation of this request can result in immediate expulsion from the course with no fee or tuition reimbursement. Please field dress your butts and dispose of them in the appropriate receptacles – the nicotine in the filters is not only dangerous to you, but highly toxic to the wildlife in our environment. If your nicotine needs interfere with class attendance, you should investigate other nicotine alternative (the patch, gum, or other).

### **Transportation**

In courses that continue in other locations, participants are responsible for transportation to the destination. We will arrange carpools to program sites when we are together as a class. At all times, we attempt to find suitable parking option; however, NCOAE assumes no responsibility for vehicles left unattended.

### **Safety**

It is our primary mission to provide EMT Training while paying close attention to plans for risk management. Our instructors are outdoor professionals who hold current certification in EMT, Wilderness First Responder, Wilderness EMT, and professional level CPR. In the event of an accident, NCOAE staff will aid in medical care of the ill or injured until EMS arrives or evacuation is executed. Any costs of medical care and evacuation beyond the initial medical care given by our staff, is the sole responsibility of the ill or injured.

## **Pets**

Please leave your animal companions at home. *No animal will be tied outside of a vehicle or kept inside of a vehicle during our courses.* If you do arrive with an animal, we will direct you toward a kennel for the duration of your course. If this is unacceptable, we will ask that you dis-enroll in the course. Cancellation policies will be in effect.

## **Phones/Computer/Faxes**

NCOAE courses are designed with outdoor recreationists and professionals in mind. There is no phone or computer available for personal use. A phone is available if the office should you need to call 911 in an emergency, or for incoming emergency calls. We do request that cell phones be turned off during class hours.

Wi-Fi connectivity is available in our classroom on campus with your own computer equipment.

## **Harassment**

Students, staff, or administrators will absolutely not tolerate harassment of any kind during courses and after course hours on NCOAE property. It is your responsibility to report any misconduct to the administration of NCOAE. If you are suspected of harassing others you will be asked to leave, and your tuition will not be refunded.

## **Down Time**

NCOAE's Oregon campus is located in Tygh Valley, Oregon. There are loads of recreational activities and local sites to see. Students can also explore nearby towns and cities, Maupin and The Dalles.

## **Required Background Check**

NCOAE requires all students to obtain a background check before the start of your course. Without one, you will not be allowed to attend the course. The background check is completely confidential, and will automatically be transferred directly to the database at NCOAE, releasing you for clinical. To obtain your background check, please follow specific link included on the confirmation email you received upon enrolling. Please follow the directions carefully and feel free to contact the **NCOAE office at 910-399-8090** if you have any trouble accessing the website.

**\*\*Any felony convictions or charges automatically disqualify students for clinicals at NCOAE's clinical partners. Misdemeanor convictions or charges — other than minor traffic violations — may result in**

ineligibility to attend and participate in the clinical component of an NCOAE course. This would result in failure to progress through the course and an unsuccessful completion of the course. When this occurs, NCOAE cancellation policies will be in effect.

## **Clinicals**

The National Center for Outdoor & Adventure Education (NCOAE) does not guarantee the admission of any student to a clinical site. A student's acceptance, participation, and continuation at a clinical site is subject to the approval and consent of the clinical site. Students must be able to attend and complete 100 percent of their clinical rotations at the assigned clinical site to successfully complete their NCOAE EMT course.

## HYBRID 'INTENSIVE' EMT PRE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

### General Required Items

- Laptop computer to complete quizzes, exams, and assignments
- Set travel/housing for practical dates. NCOAE offers limited amount of 'basic' cabins and tent pad rentals\*

### Pre-Course Tasks: Due 30 days prior to the start of your course

- Course tuition paid in full
- Create Oregon Health Authority (OHA) eLicense account [using these instructions](#)
- Initiate background check and 10 panel drug screen\* ([using this link](#))

*\*\*OREGON RESIDENTS: Please note that CastleBranch **does not** provide drug testing in all areas of Oregon. Please use an alternative lab in your area or [US Drug Test Centers](#) to complete your drug screening.*

### Pre-Course Paperwork: Due the Monday before your course begins

- NCOAE Releases
- Proof of Age: license, passport, or official picture ID with birth date
- Proof of Education: HS Diploma or equivalent
- Photograph/Headshot: from the shoulders up, must be on white or light neutral background
- Vaccination records:
  - Flu Immunization (**ONLY required for courses during October-April months**)
  - 2 Varicella immunizations or a positive titer test
  - 2 MMR or positive titer test
  - TD and/or TDap (**must be from last 10 years and valid through the end date of your course**)
  - 3 Hep B vaccinations or [signed declination statement](#)
  - Tuberculosis (TB) (2 parts): TB Blood test or 2-step TB skin test (**must be from last 12 months of the end date of your course**)

*\*\*If you receive a titer test and it comes back as \*negative\* for immunity to either Varicella or MMR, you will need to obtain the vaccines before starting your course.*

### Pre-Course Certifications: Due the Monday before your course begins on eLearning website

You can expect these pre-course certifications to take approximately 35-40 hours. Feel free to start your FEMA & TIM training early using the links below. The rest will be accessible 30 days prior to your course start date on our eLearning website.

- Preparatory Materials: Hybrid 'Intensive' EMT
- Heartcode BLS - Certificate upload required
- FEMA Trainings:
  - [IS-5.A An Introduction to Hazardous Materials](#) - Certificate upload required
  - [IS-100.C Introduction to Incident Command System](#) - Certificate upload required
  - [IS-200.C ICS Basic Incident Command System for initial Response](#) - Certificate upload required
  - [IS-700.B National Incident Management Systems \(NIMS\), An Introduction](#) - Certificate upload required
  - [IS-800.D National Response - Framework An Introduction](#) - Certificate upload required
- [Traffic Incident Management \(TIM\)](#) - Certificate Upload Required
- Coaching of the Emergency Vehicle Operator (CEVO 5)
- Blood Borne Pathogens Training

\*- Not covered in tuition cost.