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



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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, (HBV) Hepatitis B, Varicella, TD/Tdap, and Tuberculosis (PPD) screen in last year. Students who started the HBV series meet the requirements.
- Complete background check and drug screen** through CastleBranch.

****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 and submit your results to the Dropbox when received. Be sure you receive a 12-panel drug screen.

Course Outcomes:

- 240 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 (\$2,895):

- Experienced Instructional Staff, certified as NREMT-B to NREMT-P
- American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR 2-year certification
- CEVO 4 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 24 hours of clinical experience on ambulances
- Quizzes for material highlights and retention
- Learn additional advance life support assist skills that increase your abilities
- If you are interested in obtaining your wilderness upgrade for your EMT certification, please inquire by emailing or calling.

Course cost does not include:

- Required course textbook – AAOS, “Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured” 12th Edition (you are required to have this book) – e-book or print version.
- Background Check & 12 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. Camping and Camper space available as well. Contact NCOAE for more details.
- 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 75% 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.

FAQ's

Q: What is the cost for the Intensive EMT?

A: The cost of tuition is \$2,895. There is an additional fee for on-campus housing.

Q: Where is the practical session located?

A: The practical session will take place at Nature's Point Center 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 12 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: It is highly recommended that students stay on-site during their practical session. Limited rooms are available for booking at Nature's Point Center, where your practical session will take place. Lodging is an additional fee and NCOAE EMT students are provided a special rate to stay during their practical session. **DO NOT CONTACT NATURE'S POINT FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS. YOU MUST CONTACT NCOAE TO BOOK YOUR ROOM!**

When staying at Nature's Point, students will have their own private room and bathroom with multiple kitchens and living room spaces. There is also a great yard and patio outside to enjoy as well.

Other students choose to stay off site at surrounding camp grounds, 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: Should I buy the workbook for the course text?

A: We recommend that you do although it is not required.

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 are multiple full kitchens at Nature's Point 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 do 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.

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
- 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.

Additionally, due to rules established by the Oregon Health Authority's Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program, all EMS school and training providers are subject to the oversight and guidance of the Oregon Community College system and require an additional registration fee. All students enrolling in NCOAE's Oregon EMT courses will incur an additional

\$250 Oregon Community College Registration Fee, which will be added to the tuition and paid for by the student during the checkout process.

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. **Cancelations and Course Transfers:**
 - More than 30 days prior to course start, funds paid minus the 10% deposit are refundable.
 - Cancelations within 30 days prior to course start, all funds are forfeited.
 - Transfers: Within 30 days prior to course start, 50% of tuition is transferable, the remainder is forfeited.
 - Transfers must be made to courses (at the base, ONLY) within one calendar year of original course enrollment, or funds will be forfeited. Funds may not be transferred to an outside, sponsored course. Only one transfer per student is authorized. 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.
 - Transfers within 15 days prior to courses start, all funds are forfeited.
 - If NCOAE cancels a course due to low enrollments, funds paid are transferrable or 100% refundable.
 - To Cancel or Transfer, you must: Send an email to studentservices@ncoae.org to submit your request. The NCOAE Office will require completion of a Transfer Request form.

Community Living

Much of the instruction will be led as a participatory and hands-on activity, with micro-lectettes 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.

COVID-19 Update: For our part, all NCOAE staff members and instructors are following the same directives we have for students, including having temperatures taken throughout the day, washing hands according to CDC guidelines, and practicing social distancing whenever possible. We have enhanced our own in-house cleaning methods by using approved disinfectant to regularly wipe down high-touch areas such as door handles, desks, bathroom facilities, training equipment, and other common hard surfaces. We have also added more alcohol-based hand sanitizers at key locations around campus and are directing all of our employees to take important hygiene steps, including frequent handwashing and staying home if ill.

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 is just a few miles from two colleges and several coffee shops. Our campus is also just couple minutes from Carolina Beach, a few miles from downtown Wilmington with a variety of grocery stores, restaurants, and fast food places. NCOAE campus is only a couple minutes away from great surfing, sea kayaking, canoeing, fishing or just a nice sunset study session on the beach!

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.