
Key Information - What you need to know for your Wilderness EMT Course:



Pre-requisites – Students must:

- Be a minimum of 18 years of age
- Have a High School Diploma or GED
- 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.

Course Outcomes:

- 240 course hours
- Prepares you for the Scope of Practice Exam for NCOEMS and NREMT (Practical Examination for EMT-B)
- Computer-based Testing dates may be chosen 24 hours after course completion at a number of computer-based testing sites through [Pearson Vue](#)
- Eligibility for Written Exam Registration for NCOEMS (NC EMT is a 4-year certification) begins after course completion and first attempt must be made within 90 days from course completion.

Course Tuition Includes (\$3,595):

- Experienced Instructional Staff, certified as WFR, W-EMT, NREMT-B to NREMT-P
- NCOAE Wilderness Medicine Field Guide
- American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR 2-year certification
- Wilderness CPR 2-year certification
- Access to NCOAE’s custom online learning management platform
- CEVO 4 Ambulance Driver and Traffic Incident Responder Training certifications.
- All course equipment is provided for student use
- Access to all course equipment after class hours for study and practice
- 48 hours of clinical experience on ambulances
- Clinical malpractice insurance
- Quizzes for material highlights and retention
- Learn additional advance life support assist skills that increase your abilities

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
- Required myClinicalExchange subscription – 6-month subscription
- Lodging – Limited on-campus lodging is available. Other students choose to stay off campus in Wilmington, NC or Carolina Beach, NC.
- 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%
- Realistic scenarios during the practical sessions meld the curriculum pieces for big picture understanding.
- Class hours are 8AM-5PM and clinicals

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.

Course Itinerary Snapshot

- **Pre-Course:** Students must complete 30-50 hours of asynchronous web-based training using NCOAE's e-learning site.
- **Days 1-5:** Wilderness Medicine hands-on skills training. You'll apply everything you learned so far during the wilderness pre-course study. NCOAE places an emphasis on scenarios and hands-on activities, to complement classroom lectures. Students will be involved in patient assessment drills and simulations in the field.
- **Days 6-7:** Flex Day and finalizing any EMT prerequisites.
- **Days 8-20:** Didactic and skills EMT training. On-site at our Wilmington, NC campus. Combination of lectures, skills and scenario training daily. Students must pass several module exams in order to complete this phase.
- **Day 21-24:** Clinical and field experience. Students complete 48 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 25-27:** Testing. North Carolina requires students to undergo and pass rigorous written final exam and Technical Scope of Practice (TSOP) 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 27:** Graduation! Certificates, pictures, hugs and high fives!

FAQ's

Q: What is the cost for the Intensive EMT?

A: The cost of tuition is \$3,595.

Q: Are there additional fees for this course?

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

- 6-month subscription to myClinicalExchange (*required for all NC students*)
- 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.

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.

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 kind of time off do we get during class?

A: Time off depends on your clinical schedule and your evening time management. Students generally have very little free time during our course.

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 serve as a resource later.

Q: Who takes the Standard EMT Intensive course?

A: The 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 the completed by our administration to receive appropriate credit.

Q: Are meals included?

A: No. A grocery store, several coffee shops, fast-food, and casual dining options are within walking distance from our campus. We provide both refrigerated and dry food storage space as well as some utensils, a coffee maker, hotplate, microwave, and toaster oven for students to prepare meals on site.

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

A: You can bring your own tent or stay in one of our 'rustic' cabins. There is basic power in the cabins and each one contains 2 bunk beds. On-campus housing.

Other students choose to stay off campus in Wilmington, NC or Carolina Beach, NC. Contact our office and we can recommend hotels and campgrounds close by.

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.

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 – 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.

Travel to and from NCOAE's Campus

If you plan to fly or take a bus instead of driving your own vehicle, make your plans with the following in mind: Do not make airline reservations before thirty days from the course, when we commit to or cancel a course based on the enrollment. Please be aware that you are responsible for arranging your own transportation to our campus. You may take an Uber, Cab, or a Taxi from Wilmington International Airport. If you would like to ride-share with other students, you can add yourself to our rideshare list that is sent out 1 week before the course. You are responsible for contacting other students on the list and arranging your own transportation together.

We frequently have people attend our courses from all over the country and internationally, and they often come without a personal vehicle. Our campus is in close proximity to almost anything you may need. It's easy to share a ride and expenses with other classmates to grocery stores, clinical sites, beach, or river areas, all of which are within easy access of our campus in Wilmington.

Parking at NCOAE

NCOAE's 17-acre campus is squeezed in between the Cape Fear and the Atlantic Ocean. Much of the campus is wooded, so parking is limited. If you are coming with a friend or small group, please try to carpool to limit the number of vehicles.

Facility

Lodging is available for an additional charge, which provides access to indoor plumbing and hot showers. It also provides access to hotplates, microwaves, refrigerators, and space for eating. Space is limited, so please reserve in advance for either camping or cabin living.

NCOAE campus has 'rustic' cabins for S-EMT students. These cabins are equipped with two bunk beds. There is basic power down at the cabins (i.e. ceiling light/fan and outlets). If you are attending a course December through February, be sure to bring a warm sleeping bag (or 2).

The classroom has a bathroom, a coffee maker, refrigerator, microwave, toaster oven, hot plates and more available for students to share in the classroom. Be considerate of others and keep refrigerated items to a minimum – we are close to town and it's easy to make a trip to a grocery store every few days to restock.

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.

****Any felony convictions or charges automatically disqualify students for clinicals at NCOAE's clinical partner, Novant Health. 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 in order to successfully complete their NCOAE EMT course.

WILDERNESS EMT PRE-COURSE CHECKLIST

This document is meant to guide you through the required steps that you need to complete before the start of your course. **Please compile the following items all together then submit** using the below instructions.

General Required Items

- Course textbook: Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured, 12th Edition* [Discount Link](#)
- myClinicalExchange Student Account – 6-month subscription ([use these instructions to register](#))*
- Laptop computer to complete quizzes, exams, and assignments
- Set travel/housing for practical dates. NCOAE offers a limited amount of ‘basic cabin’ and tent pads.
- Confirm mailing address entered at registration is correct as a NCOAE Wilderness Medicine Field Guide will be provided to you via mail.

Due 30 days prior to the start of your course

- Course tuition paid in full
- Request P-Number using [these instructions](#) and submit it using [this form](#)
- Complete Student [Clinical Onboarding Form](#)
- Initiate background check & 12 Panel drug screen* ([using this link](#))

Due the Monday before your course begins

- NCOAE Releases ([Participant](#) and [Health Form](#))
- Proof of age: license, passport, or official picture ID with birth date
- Proof of education: HS Diploma or equivalent
- Vaccination records:
 - Flu immunization (**only required during October-March months**)
 - History of Chicken Pox/Titer or 2 Varicella immunizations (**given 4 weeks apart**)
 - 2 MMR or Titer
 - TD and/or TDap (**within past 10 years**)
 - Hep B vaccinations or [signed declination statement](#)
 - TB skin test (PPD **within the past year**) or chest x-ray with doctor’s explanation

Certificates of Completion: Due the Friday before your course begins on eLearning website

You can expect pre-course training to take approx. 60 hours. Feel free to start your FEMA & TIM training early using the links below. The rest will be accessible 30 days before the start of the course on our eLearning website.

- Wilderness Medicine: Introduction, Trauma, Environmental, Medical, Final Exam
- 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 for Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response](#) - Certificate Upload required
 - [IS-700.B: National Incident Management System \(NIMS\) An Introduction](#) - Certificate Upload required
 - [IS-800.C National Response Framework, An Introduction](#) - Certificate Upload required
- [Traffic Incident Management \(TIM\)](#) - Certificate Upload required
- Coaching of the Emergency Vehicle Operator (CEVO)
- Blood Borne Pathogens Training

*-Not covered in tuition cost.

If you have questions or concerns please let us know! We can be reached at 910-399-8090 from 9am-4pm EST, Monday-Friday or by email at StudentServices@NCOAE.org.