



Emergency Medical Response Instructor Course

Fact sheet

Course Purpose

The purpose of the American Red Cross Emergency Medical Response Instructor course is to train instructor candidates to teach the basic-level American Red Cross Emergency Medical Response course.

Course Prerequisites

- Be at least 17 years old on or before the final scheduled session of the course.
- Possess a current basic-level certification in CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers and Healthcare Providers or equivalent.
- Successfully completed the online session, which consist of the following:
 - Orientation to the American Red Cross
 - Orientation to the Emergency Medical Response Instructor Course and Precourse exam
- Have successfully completed the Precourse Skills Assessment (Classroom Session 1)
- Obtain the instructor and participant materials prior to entering the first classroom session of the instructor course

Course 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 a Red Cross representative and role model.
- Conduct courses in a manner that helps participants stay engaged in the learning process.
- Perform applicable first aid, CPR and AED skills at the emergency medical responder (EMR) level.
- Ensure participant health and safety during training.
- Maintain complete and accurate records and reports.
- Monitor participants' practice and provide positive, corrective feedback and encouragement consistent with the skill charts and skill checklists.
- Recognize that the requirements in the skill checklists are criteria for ascertaining the competency of a participant's performance.

Course Length

The Emergency Medical Response Instructor Course is offered in a blended learning format that includes:

- The online session for the instructor course takes approximately 2.5 hours.
- The classroom sessions are designed to be taught in approximately 17.5 hours (including the precourse session).

Instructor

Instructors 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 Emergency Medical Response Instructor Trainer certification can be found on the Red Cross Learning Center.

Certification

Participants 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 Materials

Emergency Medical Response Instructor Candidates should obtain and review the following course materials prior to attending the Emergency Medical Response Instructor Course:

- American Red Cross Emergency Medical Response Instructor's Manual (Print and Digital Editions)
- American Red Cross Emergency Medical Response Textbook (Print and Digital Editions)
- American Red Cross Emergency Medical Response Workbook (Print Only)
- American Red Cross Emergency Medical Response DVD (Streamed video segments from Instructor's Corner)
- American Red Cross PowerPoint (Available on Instructor's Corner)
- American Red Cross Test Bank (Link available on Instructor's Corner)
- American Red Cross EMR interactive (EMRi) (Web-based tool)

Digital materials are available on the Emergency Medical Response Instructor Candidate's page of the [Red Cross Learning](https://www.redcross.org/learning). Print materials are available for purchase on the Red Cross Store [redcross.org/store](https://www.redcross.org/store).