



ANNOUNCEMENT

Winter 2020 EMT Academy

The Yakima County Department of EMS has schedule a Winter 2020 EMT Academy for 30 qualified individuals. Unfortunately, at this time, we are unable to take students who are not affiliated with a pre-hospital EMS agency.

- Date: **December 14, 2019, 1 pm – 5 pm Pre-Course Mandatory Meeting**
January 6, 2020 – April 25, 2020
Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays
- Time: 6 pm - 10 pm on Mondays and Thursdays
8:30 am - 4 pm on Saturdays, unless otherwise noted
- Location: Yakima County Resource Building – Classroom, 2403 S. 18th Street, Union Gap
- Eligibility: **Must** be affiliated with a prehospital EMS Agency
- Cost: **\$0 affiliated with a Yakima County EMS agency supported by the Yakima County EMS levy Affiliated Students** who are with an agency not supported by the Yakima County EMS Levy will need to include a **\$50 Application fee**, which is refundable up to December 6, 2019. If the student is accepted, the \$50 application fee will be applied towards the cost of tuition of **\$1150**. Tuition includes online access to JB Learning and EMS Testing. Student textbook, workbook and the use of other issued required equipment.

To register for the class please fill out the enclosed application and attach copies of pre-requisites required documentation. Return completed applications to the Yakima County Department of EMS, 2403 S. 18th Street, Suite C, Union Gap, WA 98903 no later than **September 30, 2019**. If your application and documentation have not been received by this time, your application may be denied without notice. **Only 25 students will be allowed in the course.**

All applicants are required to attend a scheduled pre-course screening interview during October. There will be a pre-course exam that must be completed on your interview date. Applicants will receive an email with the dates/times that the interviews/exams will be held. Applicants are required to respond to the email to set the date and time for the interview. Applicants must also attend the pre-course mandatory meeting on December 14, 2019 – NO EXCEPTIONS. Applicants that are not able to attend the screening interview and orientation may be considered for the following year.

The minimum qualifications and pre-requisites for all students are:

- Must be at least 17 years old when course begins
 - High School Diploma or GED at the beginning of course
 - Current CPR-BLS for Healthcare Provider or equivalent credential.
 - Copy of a driver's license or other photo identification
- A course will be offered on Saturday, 12/7/2019. The cost of the CPR course is \$15 and includes your certification card.

An AHA Heartsaver course is not considered equivalent. Please contact the Yakima County EMS office to confirm your card meets the standard for national testing.

- NIMS certification IS 100.c, IS 200.c, IS 700.b, & IS 800.c <https://training.fema.gov/emi.aspx>
- Professional liability insurance (generally covered by agency)
- WSP Background Check within the last 10 years (see below)
- Health insurance that covers the student
- Drug Screening by Certified Lab within the last year (see below)

Vaccination Requirements (there are declination forms available)

- 2 MMR Vaccine or a Rubella/Rubeola/Mumps titer
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- Tuberculosis – 1 Step within the last year
- Proof of current Hepatitis B vaccination
- Tetanus
- Flu vaccine is *recommended but not required*

All students are required to dress professionally at all class days. Shirts will be provided, but all students must have the following:

- Dark colored EMS Pants, Jeans or Slacks (pants are available for purchase, cost TBD)
Zero tolerance for "fashion jeans" or holes in the jeans.
- Black or dark colored closed toe shoes or boots
- Belt that is black or dark colored
- Shirts must be tucked in

All students are required to prove that they have medical insurance and professional liability insurance that covers the student during the course (through work or private insurance or department).



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All students must have a "background check" and "drug screening". Forms are available for those students who need to obtain a drug screening (students must pay for the screening) on our website at <http://www.yakimacountyems.com/forms/DrugScreenServiceOrder.pdf>. The forms are for Yakima Worker Care or you may use another certified lab. A drug screening that was completed within the last year is acceptable. Proof must be provided.

Background checks may be done on-line with the Washington State Patrol: <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/crime/chrequests.htm> Go to "WATCH" listed on left side of screen. A background check that was done by an agency within the last 10 years is acceptable. Proof must be provided.

Students will receive a course completion certificate from the YCDEMS, provided all requirements of the course have been successfully completed.

To receive a Washington State issued EMT card, students must also:

- Successfully complete the National Registry Exam within 24 months. Note students must repeat a portion of the testing process if the cognitive exam is not completed in 12 months. Students are strongly encouraged to take the NREMT cognitive exam as soon as they are released to do so. Preferably within 3 months of the last scheduled day of class. (Statics have been kept, and those students who take the exam early generally pass. The longer students wait, the more likely they will fail.)

For Yakima County affiliated students:

- Complete the Washington State Initial Certification paperwork
- Return it to the YCDEMS Office for MPD signature
- YCDEMS will be forward your application, with the appropriate attachments to the Washington State DOH

For affiliated students outside of Yakima County:

- Complete the Washington State Initial Certification paperwork
- Follow the instructions of the your agency/MPD/EMS office regarding MPD signature and the Washington State DOH

The schedule is subject to change, as needed. If you have any questions, or concerns, please call the office at 509-574-2145.