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**First responder curriculum.**

(A) A training program for first responder certification shall be in accordance with division (B) of section 4765.16 of the Revised Code and this rule. Such program shall consist of ~~forty~~ a minimum of forty-eight hours according to objectives approved by the board, which can be found at [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov), in all of the following subject areas:

(1) A preparatory portion that provides, as a minimum, an understanding of:

- (a) The roles and responsibilities of the first responder within the EMS system;
- (b) Medical and legal issues;
- (c) Basic anatomy and physiology;
- (d) Personal protection from airborne and blood-borne pathogens;
- (e) Lifting and moving of patients.

(2) An airway portion that includes procedures for airway management and ventilation;

(3) A portion that includes procedures for assessment of trauma and medical patients, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) History taking and physical examinations;
- (b) Assessing vital signs;
- (c) Components of basic triage;
- (d) Information needed by transporting EMS personnel.

(4) A portion that includes management of cardiac emergencies, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated defibrillation;

(5) A portion devoted to illness and injury management, including patient-assisted epinephrine administration;

(6) A portion devoted to children and childbirth.

(7) Practical testing as prescribed by the board.

(B) An accredited institution may grant a maximum of four hours of credit towards the forty-eight hour first responder training program requirements, set forth in paragraph (A) of this rule, if the student provides documentation of successful completion of a health care provider course or professional rescuer course provided through one of the following:

(1) American red cross;

(2) American heart association; or

(3) American safety and health institution.

~~(B)~~(C) A first responder refresher program shall consist of fifteen hours according to objectives approved by the board, which can be found at [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov), for the number of hours in each of the following subject areas:

(1) Three hours on preparatory considerations;

(2) Two hours on airway management and ventilation, including oxygen therapy;

(3) Two hours on patient assessment;

(4) Two hours on cardiac management, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated defibrillation;

(5) Three hours on illness and injury management, including assisting patients with epinephrine auto-injectors;

(6) One hour on childbirth and pediatric issues;

(7) One hour on geriatric issues;

(8) One hour on trauma issues.

~~(C)~~(D) Accredited or approved institutions ~~Training programs~~ offering a course training program, as outlined in paragraphs (A) and ~~(B)~~ (C) of this rule, shall provide for regular evaluations of student performance and achievement through written and

practical testing, prior to issuance of a certificate of completion.

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Certification

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