Monthly Newsletter





EMI Course Accreditation

Accreditation of courses for continuing education units (CEUs) connects professional training with an individual's requirements to maintain professional memberships, certification, or licensing. EMI has been a member of the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) since 1991. Under IACET, course curriculum, policies, and processes are reviewed and benchmarked against the ANSI/IACET Standard for Continuing Education and Training. As an Accredited Provider, EMI can provide accredited CEUs to individuals who have completed our training courses. Refer to the National Training and Education (NTED) Online Catalog (https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frts/npccatalog) for the current list of courses offering CEUs.

Accreditation of courses for college credit connects workplace learning with colleges and universities by helping adults gain access to academic credit for formal courses and examinations taken outside traditional degree programs. A rigorous academic review process is used to evaluate curriculum for compliance with accreditation standards, assess curriculum content, and make recommendations for credit hour equivalencies in various subject areas and levels of formal education.

EMI utilizes three separate accrediting bodies to provide college credit for our courses.

- <u>Frederick Community College (FCC)</u> (https://www.frederick.edu/programs/public-safety/emergency-management-online.aspx) utilizes its accreditation review processes to determine the level of college credit for an EMI online course or combination of courses. FCC has provided this service for the last 15 years.
- EMI has executed an Articulation Agreement with the <u>University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC)</u>. Through this agreement, UMGC degree programs (https://www.umgc.edu/business-partners/corporate-learning-solutions/emi) will accept EMI courses as transfer credit based upon the credit hour recommendations provided through EMI's accreditation with the American Council on Education (ACE)
- EMI has been a member of the <u>American Council on Education (ACE)</u> (https://www.acenet.edu/national-guide/Pages/default.aspx?k=Emergency%20Management%20Institute%20AND%20) since 1984. Through membership with ACE, EMI has multiple virtual reviews of 15-20 classroom-based courses each year by ACE accreditation teams and recommendations have been awarded for college credit at various levels.

The EMI point of contact (POC) is Thonya N. Cook thonya.cook@fema.dhs.gov, EMI Accreditation Program Manager.

News from the EMI Branches

Fall National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS) Position Specific Training Hub and Spoke Event: In a partnership between the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Colorado Wildland Fire and Incident Management Academy, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the Incident Management Teams Association (AHIMTA), and FEMA Regions 8, 9 and EMI, we are announcing an opportunity for Incident Management Team (IMT) members to participate in the Fall Hub & Spoke Event. Classes will be delivered in a "hybrid format" with hub classrooms located in Colorado and California and spoke classrooms located across the nation.

Courses to be offered:

Colorado Courses Offered - # of Days:

- L0950 Incident Commander 5
- L0954 Safety Officer 5
- L0967 Logistics Section Chief Course 5

California Course Offered – # of Days:

- L0956 Liaison Officer 3
- L0958 Operations Section Chief 4
- L0965 Resources/Demobilization Unit Leader 4

Event Dates and Times:

- All Classes will begin on September 23, 2024
- Hours will be 0830 1630 daily.

Watch for a full FEMA EMI Training Opportunity in the next few days that will contain selection criteria, prerequisites, application timelines and instructions.

Please Note: Spoke classroom delivery details will be covered in a separate training opportunity.

EMI Tribal Training has several upcoming classes across the country and is in the planning stages for FY 2025.

These courses are open to anyone in the Tribe or Tribal community who has a critical role in planning, response, and/or recovery before and when an incident occurs, including Tribal leadership, Tribal department personnel, Tribal businesses, and Tribal Community Organizations and Agencies.

The primary focus of the EMI Tribal curriculum is the Tribal Train the Trainer (L8585). The intent of the Tribal Train the Trainer is for Tribes to have better access to EMI's Tribal Emergency Management courses, covering Planning (L0580), Operations/Response (L0581), Mitigation (L0582), Continuity (L0584), and the critical foundational course for Tribal Leaders (L0583). The intent of the Tribal Train the Trainer is to train Tribal members to Train their own Tribal members in their own Tribal communities.

To Register

- Please obtain a Student Identification Number (SID) through the <u>FEMA Student Identification System</u> (https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid)
- Please apply online: <u>National Emergency Training Center Online Admissions Application</u> (https://training.fema.gov/netc_online_admissions/)
- In-person registration will also be available each day of class, please bring your SID number.

EMI Tribal recently participated in CDP's Tribal Week in Anniston, AL. EMI delivered the L580 training approximately 56 Tribal and affiliated participants. EMI is also in the planning stages with CDP to deliver EMI Tribal courses in CDP's 2025 Tribal Week tentatively scheduled Apr 26 – May 3, 2025

EMI Tribal plans on participating in the R8, R2, and R5 Tribal Summits this year and look forward to meeting and visiting Tribal attendees there.

That's all, until next time - take care of each other and enjoy your summer.

EMI Tribal Curriculum (https://training.fema.gov/tribal/)

FEMA-EMI-TribalTraining@FEMA.DHS.gov

EMI Preparedness Branch has come to the stage, in the course design process, to deliver pilot offerings. The first course will be the Planning Section Chief, E0962, held onboard the NETC Campus from September 23 – 27, 2024.

The application process is open for anyone interested to apply. Prospective students will encompass both previously trained and credentialed as well as first time students meeting the prerequisite qualifications. Students that successfully complete the training will receive credit for the course completion.

Once we begin the selection process for each pilot, prospective students will be screened for required prerequisites and selection criteria. The prospective students, who are selected, will receive access to the required "pre-work", that will take approximately 30 hours to complete, and the first twelve (12) to return a completed "pre-work" packet will be rostered for the course. Please note, there are additional prerequisite requirements, for the updated E0962. Please direct any questions to EMI-NIMS-ICStraining@fema.dhs.gov.

Integrated Emergency Management:

Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP) and Planning Practitioner Program (PPP) Application Deadlines: Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP) and Planning Practitioner Program (PPP) FY25 applications are due on June 15, 2024. Details on the application process can be found on the following training bulletins:

Training Bulletin No. 1855_MEPP Overview Application Process FY25

(https://training.fema.gov/emigrams/2024/1855-training%20bulletin-mepp%20overview%20application%20process%20fy25.pdf?d=4/26/2024

<u>Planning Practitioner Program (PPP) FY 2025 Application Process</u> (https://training.fema.gov/emigrams/2024/1856-training%20bulletin-planning%20practitioner%20program%20(ppp)%20fy%202025.pdf?d=4/26/2024)

Integrated Emergency Management Couse (IEMC): Johnson County, Kansas, recently participated in the EMI Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC), bringing together 16 cities, 18 county departments, school districts, fire districts, nonprofits, healthcare representatives, and utilities. Held in May, the four-day training and activities focused on enhancing disaster response capabilities through modules of instruction and immersive scenario-based learning activities. Participants engaged in various activities, including two tabletop activities and a functional activity, addressing various hazards like tornadoes, high winds, flooding, and coordinated terrorist attacks. Facilitated by experts, the training and activities fostered interagency collaboration and equipped stakeholders with crucial communication protocols and decision-making strategies.

Stakeholders expressed gratitude for the valuable insights gained and committed to applying lessons learned in Johnson County. The training and activities underscored the importance of proactive preparedness and strengthened the community's ability to confront emergent threats. Moving forward, Johnson County remains dedicated to fostering a culture of resilience and preparedness, leveraging newfound knowledge to enhance emergency management

capabilities. By embracing collaborative training opportunities, the community aims to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents in the face of future challenges.

For more information on the IEMC program, please visit: <u>Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC)</u> (https://training.fema.gov/iemc/)



Mission Support:

EMI has had a bit of a lull in G Course developments in the past year due to changing out our Learning Management System (LMS). The good news is that we have several courses that are coming to the G Course website this month to be available for our State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) partners to use.

First and foremost, we have G-428 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer (TTT) and G-427 CERT Program Manager courses being made available again. The CERT TTT allows jurisdictions to create their own trainers to deliver the CERT Basic Course. This effort helps expand access to and delivery of the CERT BASIC course, which is integral for community readiness efforts and CERT Team building. The CERT Program Manager allows SLTT partners to expand the leadership capacity of their CERT Teams and increase oversight for the programs in their areas.

These 2 courses are going live on the G Course website on or about June 8, 2024. We will also be expanding the teaching capacity of the SLTT partners in relation to L deliveries of the same courses. If you can provide certified and qualified instructors for the CERT L-Course deliveries, we will work to ensure that several additional L deliveries are made available on request for the SLTT partners who want them.

There are currently no other planned revisions or retirements.

Mitigation:

Floodplain Management: Seats remain available for E0273 Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) scheduled September 9-12, 2024, on the EMI campus. This course provides local, state, tribal, territorial, and Federal officials with the knowledge and skills to administer and enforce floodplain management regulations. The course focuses on the NFIP and concepts of floodplain management, flood maps and studies, ordinance administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance Applications for the E0273 offerings are processed thru the NETC Online Application system.

General Mitigation Information: Applications will be processed through the NETC Online Application system. If you need Mitigation courses to support Position Task Book (PTB) requirements, registration must be completed in the Deployment Tracking System. Please contact the FEMA Incident Workforce Academy/Workforce Development Division training team at: fema-fqs-training@fema.dhs.gov to coordinate. If you have questions about Mitigation course deliveries, please contact the EMI Mitigation Branch at: fema-emi-mit@fema.dhs.gov.

Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP):

The deadline for application for the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy (NEMAA), National Emergency Management Executive Academy (NEMEA) and the Master Public Information Officer (MPIO) Course has closed. A formal selection board will convene June 17-21 to review the application packages with an announcement of the results made to applicants in August.

Course Revisions:

ELKO103 Planning: Emergency Operations and ELKO101 Foundations of Emergency Management have gone through a complete revision and is released for instruction.

The revised **ELK0105 Public Information Basics** is scheduled for release in June 2024. The revised ELK0102 Science of Disaster and E0389/0393/0394 Master Public Information Officer Course are scheduled for release in June 2025.

The EMPP Academies and the PIO Program continue with a full slate of course offerings around the country this month. Here is a list of the EMPP courses scheduled in the field (L), on campus (E), or online (K) for June 2024:

| Basic Academy Course Number | Location | Dates |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| L0101 | Gretna, LA | June 24-28 |
| L0101 | North Little Rock, AR | June 24-28 |
| L0101 | Ina, II | June 24-28 |
| L0102 | Phoenix, AZ | June 10-12 |
| L0102 | Troy, AL | June 10-12 |
| L0102 | Boston, MA | June 11-13 |
| L0102 | Honolulu, HA | June 24-26 |
| K0103 | Virtual | June 7 and 14 |
| L0103 | Troy, AL | June 13-14 |
| L0103 | Phoenix, AZ | June 13-14 |
| L0103 | Jacksonville, FL | June 17-18 |
| L0103 | Honolulu, HA | June 27-28 |
| L0105 | Opelika, AL | June 10-12 |
| L0105 | Akron, OH | June 10-12 |
| L0105 | Emporia, KS | June 11-13 |
| L0105 | Benton Harbor, MI | June 11-13 |
| L0105 | Oklahoma City, OK | June 25-27 |
| L0105 | Elkhart, IN | June 25-27 |
| L0105 | Lewiston, ID | June 26-28 |
| L0146 | Brownsburg, IN | June 13-14 |
| L0146 | Lewiston, ID | June 24-25 |

| Advanced Public Information Officer Course Number | Location | Dates |
|---|----------------|------------|
| L0388 | Columbus, OH | June 10-13 |
| Advanced Academy Course Number | Location | Dates |
| L0452** | Oriskany, NY | June 10-14 |
| Executive Academy Course Number | Location | Dates |
| E0684*** | Emmitsburg. MD | June 10-13 |

^{**}Only open to accepted Advanced Academy students

For more information about the Basic Academy please contact: Rich Bashioum at: <u>richard.bashioum@fema.dhs.gov</u>. For more information about the EMPP, please contact: Doug Kuhn at: <u>doug.kuhn@fema.dhs.gov</u>.

Curriculum Standards and Instructional Technology

New Course Releases: We are excited to announce the release of two new eLearning courses this week:

IS-247.C: Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) for Alert Originators

This course is designed for alert originators, including emergency managers, law enforcement officials, fire
department personnel, 911 operators, and National Weather Service (NWS) personnel. It aims to provide these
public safety professionals with a foundational understanding of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System
(IPAWS). Participants will gain the essential knowledge and skills needed to create appropriate, effective, and
accessible alert and warning messages.

IS-1300.A Introduction to Continuity

 This course is beneficial for everyone in the community. It serves as an introduction to the concept of continuity, helping students understand how continuity planning can improve their organizations and the broader community. This course lays the groundwork for those looking to enhance their knowledge and application of continuity principles.

Visit our <u>Independent Study Website</u> (https://training.fema.gov/is/) to enroll in these free courses and expand your expertise in IPAWS and/or Continuity.

Ask a Course Manager

What happened to the Advanced Professional Series?

As of Jan 1, 2019, the Advanced Professional Series (APS) program was turned over to the state emergency management agencies. The APS program, which utilizes EMI developed (and EMI maintained) courses, will continue to do so; however, the responsibility for managing and issuing the APS certificates in each state rests with the state emergency management agencies. APS students have always sent their requests for APS Certificates of Completion to their State Training Officer (STO) or designated State Emergency Management agency representative for confirmation and approval. As of Jan 1, 2019, if a student requesting a certificate has met the requirements, then the State Emergency Management Director and anyone else designated to sign the certificate will do so. The STO or State Director's office will then mail the certificate to the student. If you have any questions or for more information, please contact your state or tribal office of emergency management. The following link will take you to the State Training Officers Contact List (https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx).

^{***}Only open to accepted Executive Academy students

Current Training Opportunities:

Please refer to the **EMI Course Schedule** (https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx) for a complete list of upcoming course offerings.

For More Information:

• <u>EMI Course Catalog</u> (https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frtserver/catalogs/EMI_course_catalog.pdf?_=1603823874749)

EMI Course Schedule

(https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx)

• EMI Student Portal

(https://training.fema.gov/student/sssp.aspx)

• EMI Programs and Activities

(https://training.fema.gov/programs)

State Training Officers Contact List

(https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx)

Independent Study Program FAQs

(https://training.fema.gov/is/isfaq.aspx)

• FEMA Student Identification (SID) System website

(https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid)

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