What's New

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) continues to monitor the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as it relates to COVID-19. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the CDC encourages organizations to promote social distancing, hold meetings via videoconferencing, reduce non-essential travel, and adjust or postpone events and gatherings. EMI also continues to evaluate the local and national situation and will provide regular updates.

EMI students will be notified in advance concerning the status of their on-campus course offering.

We thank you for your understanding, and we invite you to visit our extensive catalog of Independent Study Courses as well as review the classroom courses now available by virtual delivery.

Highlights and news from EMI in general:
EMI and National Emergency Training Center (NETC) Admissions

EMI is working with the NETC Admissions Office (part of the US Fire Administration) We have tasked our supporting developers to make a critical change to the online admissions system. Local delivery and "invitation only" courses will no longer show in the online application system. Registration for those courses will be handled through a special code that will be provided to local course hosts or individuals selected for programs like the Master Exercise Practitioner (MEPP), the Advanced Academy, or the Executive Academy.

This change will allow for a few things. First, if a State Training Officer (STO) is hosting a delivery in their state, then they will be able to control who can register by providing them with a special code. Someone from outside their state (or local host jurisdiction) will only be able to register if they enter the specific code, which means the STO or host agency will be able to directly manage the attendees. Second, for special programs, for example MEPP, EMI staff will directly manage the screening and application process. Once applicants for MEPP or on-campus offerings of the Advanced or Executive Academies have been selected, then the selectees will receive the appropriate code to register for the courses in that series. As a result of these changes, NETC Admissions will only be responsible for the aspects of EMI student registration that require their involvement, for example the logistics for hosting students on campus.

We believe that separating the screening/review process for special programs from the routine campus admissions process will help ensure greater visibility on special program applications.

EMI Executes an Articulation Agreement with University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC)

The FEMA's EMI has executed an Articulation Agreement with the UMGC. Through this agreement, UMGC degree programs 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).

If you are a current or former student at EMI, you can earn transfer credit for your coursework toward a bachelor's degree through the EMI–UMGC articulation agreement.

Highlights:

- More than 174 EMI courses and their various versions have been evaluated to save you time and money.
- UMGC's transfer policy allows for up to 90 credits to count toward a bachelor's degree from a variety of sources.

To apply or learn which courses have been evaluated for college credit, visit UMGC (*https://sites.umgc.edu/corporate/emi/index.cfm*)

To see the list of EMI courses that have been reviewed by ACE and their credit hour recommendations, visit the ACE National Guide (*https://www.acenet.edu/National-Guide/Pages/Organization.aspx?oid=4c099b28-9016-e811-810f-5065f38bf0e1*)

Points of Contact: If you have any questions about this agreement, contact *matthew.prager@fema.dhs.gov.* If you would like to speak to a UMGC representative regarding transferring EMI credit to UMGC, e-mail *cls@umuc.edu*.

From the EMI Branches

Integrated Emergency Management (IEM):
Virtual Tabletop Exercise (VTTX) Series

The VTTX is a series of discussion-based Virtual Tabletop Exercises offered monthly by EMI using the Adobe Connect platform. The VTTX process involves key personnel from the emergency management community of practice reviewing the Situation Manual and Power Point slide presentation, and then convening for a four-hour tabletop exercise to discuss the simulated disaster scenario with as many as 10 to 15 sites. These events allow the connected sites to review, assess, and share plans, policies, and procedures.

The VTTX is designed for a community-based group of 5 or more whole community representatives from your local emergency management community of practice.

For a complete listing of all the FY21 VTTX dates and scenarios, check the EMI VTTX homepage at *https://training.fema.gov/programs/emivttx.aspx*

K0146 Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Course

Did you know that EMI now accepts requests for special deliveries of either an "Open" or a "Closed" K0146 HSEEP course? For "Open" deliveries, you allow any student to attend, for "Closed" deliveries, you are allowing only your students to attend.

E/K/L0146 course material is under development for alignment to the new 2020 HSEEP doctrine and should be finalized in a couple months. Continue to monitor the National Exercise Division, HSEEP webpage: *www.fema.gov/hseep* and EMI HSEEP webpage: *https://training.fema.gov/programs/hseep* for the latest release date information.

For further information, contact FEMA's Integrated Emergency Management Branch at *fema-emiiemb@fema.dhs.gov*.

Mission Support: The E/K 8515 Cybersecurity Symposium is scheduled for delivery from March 22-25, 2021 at NETC; however, it will likely be changed to a virtual delivery.

E/L/K 0550 Continuity Planning Course will be replaced with the 1301 Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planning Course; and, E/L/K 0548 COOP Program Management Course will be replaced by the 1302 Continuity Program Management Course in calendar year 2021.

Mitigation: The Mitigation Branch is developing a Spanish language version of the E0273, Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP with expected release date of June 2021. The Mitigation Branch is also developing a virtual E0273, Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP with an expected release date of June 2021.

Targeted for late January for a limited audience in Region VIII, there will be a virtual pilot offering of K0212 HMA: Developing Quality Application Elements. There will also be invitation only offerings of K1274 Closing the Gap, a HQ requirement for all E/L 0273 instructors. In addition, the FY21 National Dam Safety Technical Seminar will be conducted virtually February 16-19, 2021.

Preparedness: EMI Preparedness Branch has developed additional Virtual Delivery Materials for Incident Command System (ICS) 300 and 400. States interested in virtual delivery of this training using their own virtual platform can contact the course manager for these materials. We have also has completed analysis and design for future Incident Management Team (IMT) Training to support National Qualification System (NQS). The new IMT Courses will be developed over several years beginning in 2021. ICS and IMT Training is under development for future virtual delivery options. EMI Preparedness is also developing a set of monthly Incident Management Team focused eForums planned to begin in early 2021. Also, the Preparedness Branch bids farewell to Jennifer Ogle. Jennifer has been hired to serve as the Chief of the EMI Finance and Human Resources Branch.

Superintendent's Business Office (SBO): The SBO welcomes Scott Van Dermark back to EMI. Scott returns to EMI as the SBO Branch Chief. Scott recently left EMI for a position at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

From the Course Catalog

Course Development		
Course #	Course Title	Release
E/L 1301	COOP Planning Course	CY 2021
E/L 1302	COOP Program Mgmt Course	CY 2021
Course Revision		
Course #	Course Title	Release
E/L 580, 581, 582	Tribal Curriculum	Oct 2021
IS 0036	Multi-Hazard Planning for Childcare	Dec 2020
Course Retirement		
Course #	Course Title	Retirement
E/L/K 0550	Continuity Planners Course	CY 2021
E/L/K 0548	Continuity Program Manager Course	CY 2021

For More Information

For the EMI Course Catalog, *go to (https://www.firstrespondertraining.gov/frtserver/catalogs/EMI_course_catalog.pdf?_=1603823874749).*

For the EMI Course Schedule, *go to (https://training.fema.gov/emicourses/schedules.aspx).*

For the list of EMI Programs and Activities, *go to (https://training.fema.gov/programs).*

For the list of State Training Contacts, *go to (https://training.fema.gov/programs/aps/stolist.aspx).*

Independent Study Program FAQs, *go to (https://training.fema.gov/is/isfaq.aspx).*

Current Training Opportunities

1/05/2021

- [1628 - Training Opportunity - K449 ICS Curricula Train-the-Trainer Feb 2021](#)

This Month's Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does EMI recognize G course certificates issued for courses delivered by private companies? Are the certificates recognized as meeting prerequisites for EMI delivered courses?

A: The following answer is taken from the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training Program; however, it may be applied to EMI's non-NIMS curriculum.

FEMA's NIMS course curriculum provides a baseline standard to ensure consistency in training. Many of the FEMA-delivered courses have prerequisites, which are outlined in the National Preparedness Course Catalog.

Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs) hosting non-FEMA NIMS courses are responsible for issuing the course completion certificates. FEMA does not evaluate training from other sources to determine equivalency or similarity to standard NIMS training. AHJs should determine whether these training opportunities meet NIMS curriculum standards; an AHJ may accept or reject a course as equivalent to a FEMA course.

Factors an AHJ should consider in determining whether a course or training event meets FEMA standards include the following:

- Do the training requirements align with the appropriate Position Task Book (PTB)?
- Do the course objectives match?
- Is the time allocated to the course objectives like that of a FEMA course?
- Are the instructor qualifications like those outlined in the NIMS Training Program?
- Is there a valid post-course assessment to determine whether students achieved desired outcomes?

FEMA encourages stakeholders to share training resources for NIMS implementation across the Emergency Management community. Training developers providing courses to meet NIMS training recommendations should ensure that deliveries meet or exceed the NIMS curriculum's baseline standard.

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