

Alaska Avalanche School



HYBRID WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER RECERTIFICATION

Sponsored by Alaska Avalanche School and NOLS Wilderness Medicine



DATES: *Jan 26, 2019 to Jan 27, 2019*

COST: *\$325*

LOCATION: *Alaska Avalanche School, 1025 Orca St. Unit 1N. Anchorage, AK*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Hands-on, meet online. Enjoy our newly formatted WFR Recertification, which includes an online component in addition to the traditional scenarios and skills. Pre-work allows you to review the curriculum at your own pace, and focus on the hands-on element during your two days on course. You'll just need to complete all online components, including a written exam, prior to the course. Once on course, the scenario-based approach to recertification provides you the opportunity to test your skills against realistic situations. You'll practice and relearn wilderness medicine protocols, review evacuation and decision making guidelines, and receive the latest updates in wilderness medicine over the course of two days.

Students must successfully complete the online modules prior to arriving at the course. Students will then demonstrate their practical skills during scenarios throughout the in-person portion of the course. Students must successfully complete both components to pass the course and obtain recertification from NOLS Wilderness Medicine.

There are optional review resources (different from the online modules) that may assist your review at: www.nols.edu/en/resources/wilderness-medicine-resources/

Upon successful course completion you will earn the following NOLS Wilderness Medicine certifications: Wilderness Advanced First Aid/Wilderness First Responder/Wilderness EMT (dependent on your current certification), Adult and Child CPR & Airway Management, and Epinephrine Auto-injector.

CLASS FORMAT AND PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS

This newly formatted WFR Recertification course includes an online module component. Upon registering, you will receive an email with further information. Three weeks prior to the start of the course you will receive an email with links to online materials (readings and videos) and the written WFR Recertification test.

You must complete all online components prior to arriving at the course site. Please note that these online resources are different from the review materials available on the NOLS Wilderness Medicine website.

Check in is at 7:45 a.m. on the first day of the course. Course days run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with an additional evening class on the first day for students needing CPR recertification. Attendance is required at all scheduled classes. Scenarios and practice sessions will take place both inside and outside.

Bring outdoor clothing appropriate for lying on the potentially wet, muddy, snowy, or cold ground playing the role of both rescuer and patient. Frequently stage (moulage) blood and make-up are used to enhance the realism of a scenario. The classroom environment generally lends itself to a pair of comfy shoes or slippers and a camp chair.

PACKING CHECKLIST

- ✓ Notebook and pencil or pen
- ✓ Watch with second hand or digital second
- ✓ Sunglasses and hat
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Light day pack
- ✓ Waterproof outerwear top and bottom
- ✓ Light hiking boots or sturdy shoes
- ✓ Clothing layers that allow you to be comfortable in a variety of weather conditions
- ✓ Slippers or comfortable shoes for classroom time (optional)
- ✓ Camp chair for classroom time (optional)

COURSE OUTLINE

For the full course outline, visit the Hybrid WFR Recertification course page:

www.nols.edu/en/courses/courses/hybrid-wilderness-first-responder-recertification-HWRR

WAFA/WFR/WEMT RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

NOLS Wilderness Medicine Graduates

NOLS Wilderness Medicine certification holders will be afforded a one-year period after expiration within which to recertify. This one-year re-entry period is only offered to those certified through NOLS Wilderness Medicine. Enrolled students must bring their certification card to the course so that the instructor can verify the expiration date.

Graduates from Other Wilderness Medicine Providers

NOLS Wilderness Medicine welcomes eligible graduates from other providers to recertify on our Wilderness First Responder Recertification course or our Hybrid Wilderness First Responder Recertification course. To be eligible for recertification you must possess a current (unexpired) WAFA certification, WFR certification from a provider whose WFR course is a minimum of 70 hours, or WEMT certification.

There is no re-entry period once your certification expires. It is your responsibility to make sure your certification meets this standard. If you are unsure, please contact

NOLS Wilderness Medicine to verify your certification qualifies before enrolling in a course.

Students certified by other wilderness medicine providers are required to submit a photocopy of their unexpired certification card on the first day of the course. We cannot issue you a new card until we have verified your previous training.

Students recertifying the wilderness portion of their WEMT certification must submit a photocopy of their current EMT card on course.

REGISTRATION

Tuition payment in full is required to reserve your spot in the course. You can pay your tuition online (we accept Visa or MasterCard. At, AlaskaAvalanche.org)

NOLS WILDERNESS MEDICINE STUDENT AGREEMENT

Please download this agreement and read it very carefully as it affects your legal rights: www.nols.edu/en/filer/public/1481683959/906/

Bring the two-page signed document to the first day of the course. If you are a minor, a parent or guardian must sign the document. Without a signed document, you cannot participate in the course.

NOLS Wilderness Medicine participants, including minors, will have unsupervised free time throughout the course. Any activities during the free time are not part of the NOLS Wilderness Medicine program and are at the sole risk of the participant.

NOLS WILDERNESS MEDICINE POLICIES

Cancellations

14 days or more prior the start date: \$50.00 Fee charged & balance of tuition refunded.
13 day or less prior to start date: No Refund. If we can refill your spot prior to the start date, we can refund 50% of your tuition.

Pets

Pets are not allowed at the course site. This includes leashing them outside. Any student bringing a pet to class will be asked to leave until the pet is safely situated in a kennel or other facility. No exceptions.

Alcohol and Tobacco

No alcohol or tobacco is allowed on site.

Firearm

You may not bring firearms or other weapons on a NOLS course.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND COLLEGE CREDITS

EMT Continuing Education

NOLS Wilderness Medicine is proud to be a Commission on Accreditation of Pre-Hospital Continuing Education (CAPCE) accredited organization. Current EMTs are eligible to receive 18 CEU hours for participation in a Wilderness First Responder recertification course. Please bring a photocopy of your current EMT card(s) with you to your course.

More information on continuing education credits can be found here under the heading Wilderness First Responder Recert:

www.nols.edu/en/resources/credit-continuing-education/continuing-education/

Pre-Course Access to College Credit

The WFR Recert course is pre-approved for one semester hour credit through Western State Colorado University (WSCU) for an additional cost of \$80. Thirty days **prior** to the NOLS Wilderness Medicine course, interested students must initiate registration and payment for credit by requesting an enrollment form for WSCU from NOLS Wilderness Medicine.

Fellowship in the Academy of Wilderness Medicine (FAWM)

Through joint sponsorship with the Wilderness Medical Society active members of WMS may earn up to 14 hours at no additional cost for participation in the Hybrid Wilderness First Responder Recertification course. Learn more about WMS here as well as enrolling as a Fellow: <http://www.wms.org/>

STUDENT LOGISTICS

Meals and Lodging

Meals and lodging are not offered for this course.

Travel

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Course Host

Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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NOLS Wilderness Medicine:

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