

8 Hour Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT)

Course Description:

This course is designed to enable the healthcare responder to be able to apply the relationships between federal response requirements, the HICS, and how a HERT operates within the incident command methods established by these requirements. This course also helps prepare facilities and agencies to conduct a safe and effective emergency medical response to assist victims and process those victims into a healthcare facility while protecting the facility from contamination. Please note that this course does not involve either donning and doffing of personal protective equipment or establishing the decontamination corridor.

Course Objectives:

- Overview administrative components of the course
- Explain the necessity for the use of a Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT)
- Describe the organization and operation of the Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) in response to a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI)
- Differentiate among the medical responses to the effects of a CBRNE incident
- Select the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) level as a healthcare responder in response to a disaster involving patient contamination
- Describe a healthcare facility's Emergency Treatment Area (ETA) to support medical operations in response to a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI)
- Explain triage procedures within the Emergency Treatment Area (ETA) during a hospital response to a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) involving contamination
- Compare decontamination methods and procedures

Who should attend?

- Hospital / healthcare employees with emergency response duties
- Supervisors and administrations of hospital / healthcare facilities
- Maintenance, Security, and ancillary employees of hospital / healthcare facilities with possible involvement in an MCI response incident.

Earned Credentials:

Successful completion of the course will earn participants 8 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) (Ohio Board of Nursing through the approver unit at the Ohio League for Nursing) and a certificate verifying this achievement.