



Agreement of Responsibility

Courses offered by the Wilderness Medicine Training Center (WMTC) are rigorous and require your full attendance and participation. You may find them mentally, physically, and emotionally demanding. Class time may exceed ten hours per day plus homework. You should be comfortable reading technical information, be able to write clearly, be able to communicate easily with other people, and you should be physically capable of lifting and carrying a minimum of 50 pounds without injury and moving safely in the outdoors in rough challenging terrain and environments without supervision. You are expected to bring the functional outdoor clothing that will protect you from the environment while participating in simulations. During simulations, skills practice, and some demonstrations, you will be acting as a patient and as a rescuer; this requires you to touch and be touched by others during a patient exam and subsequent treatment. To protect your personal space you must wear your bathing suit (jog bra) and/or shorts under your simulation clothing for all labs and simulations; they will NOT be cut. Simulations may take place in water, on rocks, on uneven terrain, on steep slopes, on snow and in rain, snow, wind, or bright sun. The course does NOT require you to put yourself at risk of injury or illness. If you feel at risk at any time and for any reason during the course, STOP your participation in the activity and bring your concerns to the course instructors. Make a plan to address your concerns and resume your participation once you feel safe. Therefore, during your participation in any WMTC course, you are responsible for your emotional and physical safety at all times.

Wilderness medicine courses taught by WMTC may be sponsored or hosted by organizations both foreign and domestic in different parts of the world. Wilderness medicine courses involve skills practice, demonstrations and simulations that typically require you to be outdoors for significant portions of time in diverse geographical regions; some wilderness medicine courses may be held partially or entirely in a field setting. As a consequence of global warming, many areas or regions around the world have experienced, and may experience in the future, changes in seasonal temperature which may result in an area or region experiencing lower or higher average temperatures, potentially resulting in extended temperate seasons, or other changes in or deviations from historical climate and weather patterns. Such changes in climate may contribute to the unpredictable migration, movement or changes in habitat and behavior of animals and insects carrying infectious disease. You should be aware that there is a potential risk of exposure to animals and insects carrying infectious disease in any season, and it may be possible that you will be exposed to such animal or insect vectors while participating in a course.

You are responsible for your physical health and safety during a course, and should take steps to be informed as to any potential risk of exposure to animal or insect vectors which are known to, or could potentially transmit an infectious disease in the area in which a wilderness medicine course is being held prior to attending that course. You are responsible for taking such precautions as are prudent and reasonable to protect yourself from such exposure while traveling to and from, and while in any outdoor setting during a course. For information on protecting yourself from an infectious disease, please refer to WMTC's Student Handbook available as a download from the WMTC website. It is the responsibility of every individual registering for, and participating in a wilderness medicine course taught by WMTC to be informed about the potential risks associated with the activity and to take the necessary precautions to ensure their personal safety. As a participant in a WMTC course, you have the responsibility to ask questions and address any concerns related to your health and safety prior to and during a course with the course instructor(s), the sponsoring organization and the WMTC office and to work toward a reasonable resolution of those concerns.

If you have any medical concerns, report them to your instructor, the course sponsor and the WMTC office. You are responsible for your on-going health during a course. Should you become ill or injured, you grant permission to your instructor(s) to provide first aid and/or emergency treatment until EMS arrives, and you agree to bear financial responsibility for and treatment incurred, including transport to a medical

facility. You also agree to release WMTC, its sponsors and instructors from any and all liability associated with any injuries or illnesses contracted before, during, or after a course.

While every effort has been made to provide the materials and instruction required for you to successfully complete the course, WMTC does not assume responsibility for or guarantee your success. You must be present and engaged during the entire course in order to be eligible for certification; if for any reason what-so-ever you miss a portion of the course, you will not receive a full 3-year certification. Depending on the time and content of the missed session(s) and your demonstrated skill level, your instructor may award you a shorter or lower level certification or no certification.

WMTC agrees to present skills and techniques based on position papers published by the Wilderness Medical Society and the Scope of Practice documents published by the Wilderness Medicine Education Collaborative. WMTC is not liable if you do not adhere to those standards in a field situation, nor does WMTC authorize you to use the skills presented. Authorization typically comes directly from your state or via a state-licensed physician.

Once you have successfully completed the course, you will receive a certification card. This card acknowledges that you have successfully demonstrated the skills presented during your course according to the above practice guidelines at the time of your course. It does not certify that you will be able to continue to perform at that level. It is your responsibility to stay current with both your understanding and practice. Most medical control personnel require certification as a baseline for authorization.

If you have participated in a special contract course, you will receive a certificate of completion from WMTC. A WMTC certificate of completion attests that you were present and engaged during the entire workshop but does not certify that you are proficient in the skills presented.

Your signature below indicates that you understand the above statements, meet the minimum course requirements, and that you are willing to abide by them; that you will not hold WMTC, its Sponsors, Instructors, etc. responsible or liable for your use of the material taught during your course OR for your emotional or physical health and safety before, during, or after your course. You also agree to be financially responsible for equipment and supplies damaged beyond normal wear and tear as determined by your instructors and/or the course sponsor. Finally, you agree that any photos or video taken during your course and in which you appear and/or written statements made by you in your course evaluation may be used by WMTC for marketing, training or educational purposes. Such use may include but is not limited to WMTC books and publications, posters, training videos, the WMTC website, WMTC social pages, etc. and that no fee will be paid to you by WMTC for such use.

Type of Standard Course:

- WEMT WFR WAFA WFA WFR & WEMT Recertification Contract

Name of Course Sponsor _____

Location of Course _____ Course Dates _____

Your Signature

Date

Please Print Your Name Clearly

Signature of parent or guardian if under 18