

Oakland University

School of Health Sciences Wellness, Health Promotion and Injury Prevention Program

WHP 2110 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Preparedness

Winter 2018

January 6 – February 10, 2018 Saturdays 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Room # 5054

Additional Venue:

Oakland Community College Combined Regional Emergency Services Training (CREST) Center 2900 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2845, (248) 232-4100

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Course Description: Concepts, rationale, theory and practical applications of basic citizen preparedness for disaster survival and rescue skills are taught using the Department of Homeland Security CERT curriculum, leading to certification. CERT is designed to prepare individuals to help themselves and the immediate community in the event of a catastrophic disaster.

Graded: Satisfactory or unsatisfactory (S/U), and there will be no “incomplete” grade status.

Prerequisites and exclusions: There is no prerequisite course or knowledge required for continuing education students.

Required Text: CERT Student Training Manual can be downloaded at:

<https://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>

Suggested reading in the field of injury prevention: Safety Lit (Weekly e-mail literature updates): <http://www.safetylit.org>

Course Objective: After completion of this course students will:

1. Understand the global magnitude and burden of the unintentional and intentional injury problem due to disasters.
2. Understand basic concepts, principles and issues in injury prevention and control.
3. Be able to integrate basic safety awareness and apply basic injury prevention concepts to daily life.
4. Demonstrate practical knowledge, skills and strategies in community emergency response and apply these to the benefit of self, family and the community.

5. Successfully complete a CERT course leading to potential CERT and WMD certification.
6. Be aware of issues related to terrorism and obtain certification following an optional examination on the topic.

Course procedures/content and expectation of the students:

To meet the course objectives the format for this class will be the presentation of several theoretical and practical applications related to both injury prevention and community emergency response (see course schedule). Students should note that while the presentations address pertinent issues in some depth, the presentations alone are no substitute for the required readings and mini-assignment from the CERT Student Training Manual.

The course will involve practical applications that include off site visits, culminating in a final practical exam involving a disaster simulation search and rescue drill.

Regular class attendance and active participation in class discussions will be important. Attendance will be taken and in order to achieve a Satisfactory (S) grade at least five of the six classes must be attended. **However please note that the first, fourth and final class dates (January 6, 27 and February 10) are mandatory and that to earn the weapons of mass destruction (WMD)/terrorism certificate, that section must be attended and the written exam must be successfully completed.**

Students intending to major in WHP must retain a copy of this syllabus, and all major assignments for the inclusion in their portfolio.

Evaluation:

For all students: attendance at a minimum of 5 of the 6 scheduled classes; all mandatory classes must be attended, class presentation and participation at the final simulated search rescue drill form the basis for the course evaluation.

For-credit students: A short, applied verbal/written assignment is required. Students are graded S/U for this course.

Accommodations for disabilities: If you need accommodation because of a disability or if you need to share any important information, please inform me as soon as possible. Please see me privately after class or e-mail me to schedule a meeting.

Class schedule: I (the instructor) reserve the right to alter this schedule as necessary. It should be seen as a guide only. In particular, winter weather conditions may result in changes.

Disaster Preparedness & CERT Organization

January 6, 2018 CERT Sessions I & VI

Venue: Oakland University Building of Health Sciences Room # 5054

Disaster Fire Suppression

January 13, 2018 CERT Session II

Venue: Oakland University Building of Health Sciences Room #5054

Disaster Medical Operations Part I

January 20, 2018 CERT Session III

Venue: Oakland University Building of Health Sciences Room #5054

Time permitting we will begin on Part II of Disaster Medical Operations.

Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)

January 27, 2018 CERT Session VIII

Venue: Oakland University Building of Health Sciences Room # 5054

Guest Speaker: Lieutenant Steve Schneider of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office

Disaster Medical Operations Part II

Light Search and Rescue & Disaster Psychology

February 3, 2018 CERT Session IV, V & VII

Venue: Oakland University Building of Health Sciences Room # 5054

Dress comfortably for disaster simulation exercise.

Simulated CERT Disaster

February 10, 2018

Venue: Oakland Community College CREST Facility

2900 Featherstone

Auburn Hills, MI 48326

*****DRESS APPROPRIATELY. SIMULATED EXERCISE WILL PARTLY BE HELD OUTDOORS*****