



Welcome to the SOLO Southeast EMT Basic/Wilderness EMT class! We are looking forward to your arrival. Here is some additional information you will need regarding the course and your stay at NOC.

Course Attendance and Dismissal

The EMT/WEMT Course **starts promptly at 8:00am** on the first day of class at SOLO Southeast. Students are participating in a professional qualification and are asked to consider this during the class. 100% attendance in all lectures and practical sessions is mandatory. Being on time for class is also expected every day. Tardiness or not appearing for class or a clinical rotation is grounds for dismissal. **There will be no refunds if dismissed from course.** Inappropriate behavior or the underage consumption of alcohol constitute grounds for immediate dismissal from SOLO courses without a refund. Although alcohol is allowed on campus at NOC, arriving to class late or hungover is unacceptable. Any evidence of use of illicit drugs is not tolerated and will also be instant grounds for dismissal from the program.

Course Payments

A \$400 non-refundable deposit is due at the time of booking. The course must be paid in full **60 DAYS** prior to the course start date.

Cancellation Policy

- 60+ Days Before Reservation:
 - Student will receive a full refund, less the \$400 non-refundable deposit.
- 45-59 Days Before Reservation:
 - Student will receive a full booking voucher*, less the \$400 non-refundable deposit.
- 0-44 Days Before Reservation or During Course:
 - Student will not be extended a refund or voucher.
- Students are allowed a one-time transfer into a later course with no penalty if done 45 days or more prior to the course start date.
 - *Reservation booking voucher to be used within one year from the date cancelled.

Tuition and Trip Related Insurance

We know that airfare, associated travel expenses, and non-refundable tuition fees constitute significant financial commitments for attending our EMT/WEMT class. SOLO Southeast presents an opportunity to insure these expenses through InsureMyTrip's [Academic Explorer Program](#), a third-party provider. This program offers various coverage options encompassing travel expenses and non-refundable tuition fees. The links we have included allow you an opportunity to explore the insurance coverage options provided by this program. Alternatively, you have the option to procure trip-related insurance from another provider. Regardless of the choice made, determining the extent and specifics of the coverage is your responsibility and should be directly addressed with the chosen provider.

We highly recommend securing insurance to safeguard your investment in the trip and course. Should you opt out of insurance and subsequently cancel or depart from the course prematurely, you will be subject to our [Cancellation Policy](#). Details about plan coverage along with step-by-step directions for signing up can be found [HERE](#).

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Mandatory Documentation

We utilize CastleBranch, a third-party reporting system. We will notify you when your account is authorized so you can begin submitting your documentation. The cost to the student for this system is typically between \$110.00-\$120.00. You **MUST** provide proof of immunizations (including Quantiferon Gold TB Test) and all other required paperwork to CastleBranch **at least two weeks prior to course start date** or you will be assessed a \$75.00 late fee and possibly be dismissed from the course. A separate checklist will be provided separately listing all the below required items to help you in this gathering process.

Required Documentation: All to be submitted via CastleBranch

1. **NOC Waiver and Release Form**
2. **NOC Medical Form**
3. **NOC Student Policies**
4. **Photo for ID badge**
5. **EMT Clinical Placement Inquiry Authorization Release – Background Check Form.** You cannot have any felony convictions. (Directions in CastleBranch)
6. **Proof of graduation** from high school or a GED (an 11th grade reading level is assumed as part of this requirement). A diploma from an accredited two- or four-year college or university will also be accepted. (PDF Format)
7. **Completion of all clinical orientation manuals.** Details are in CastleBranch.
8. **HPSO Insurance policy.** Students are required to purchase their own liability insurance for clinical observation and interaction with patients. The coverage is one year and costs approximately \$38. Details are in CastleBranch.
9. **Valid driver's license** (Not submitted via CastleBranch. Bring daily to class and clinicals.)

Immunizations, TB test and Drug Screen:

1. **Drug Screen:** Must be completed by student and verified by a doctor or testing facility. Submitted through CastleBranch. Please note that it can take a week or more for the results to be ready. Please see directions in CastleBranch.
2. Provide proof that you are current on the following immunizations. Proof can be school records, doctor's records, military service records, titers, or a statement signed by your physician:
 - **TB Test Must be Quantiferon Gold.** If you have a positive TB test, you must present a clear chest x-ray. These must be verified within six weeks from clinical dates (clinical start 1 week after the class start date).
 - Immune status to **MMR** (series of 2 or titer showing immunity)
 - **Tdap** vaccine.
 - **Varicella** Series of 2 or a titer showing antibodies
 - **Hepatitis B** vaccine is recommended but not required. If you do not have proof of current Hepatitis B vaccination, you must sign a declination waiver.
 - **Tetanus** vaccine within the last ten years
 - Current **flu vaccine** (if the course occurs between October 1 and March 31)
 - Full **Covid-19 vaccination**

We have partnered with hospitals and EMS services that have mandatory requirements for vaccinations. If you do not have these vaccinations or choose not to have them, you will not be able to take the course.

Functional Requirements for EMT Students

This EMT class has been certified by NC Office of EMS and the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians with curriculum based on the most current version of the National EMS Education Standards. Students enrolled in this program must participate in all practical labs, which include indoor and outdoor scenarios (day and night) and pass all practical and written exams to receive certification.

SOLO Southeast is a strong advocate of inclusiveness and diversity. There are however some physical restrictions that may preclude people from taking this class and receiving certification as an EMT. SOLO regrets that certain exceptions cannot be made due to safety and training requirements for certification. If you are unable to complete any of the requirements listed below, you must contact us. We are happy to discuss any restrictions you have or accommodation you may need.

All students must be able to:

1. Maintain good physical stamina, endurance, and body condition to include:
 - a. Working for long hours and/or going without sleep. Class starts at 8:00am, sometimes earlier, and students often don't finish class until 9pm
 - b. Lifting, carrying, and balancing patients in excess of 125 pounds (250 pounds with assistance).
 - c. Negotiating all types of non-technical terrain, in all weather conditions.
2. Communicate patient information to other caregivers face-to-face, by radio, or by phone.
3. Display suitable self-confidence and communication skills to control a dynamic scene such as a highway or crowded space.
4. Be able to perform a full physical patient assessment, including breathing, airway, circulation and be comfortable assessing patients of any gender.
5. Be able to read small writing on a medication bottle or vial with a minimum of 20/20 vision (correction lenses are acceptable).

Clinical Experience

In addition to class time, EMT students are required to spend 48 hours observing in a clinical setting. SOLO arranges observation periods on non-class days. Shifts are 12 hours long and may be at an ambulance base, hospital emergency room or other care facility.

You are at the clinical site as a guest observing patients who have come to their facility expecting a certain standard of cleanliness and professionalism. Your appearance is often the patient's first impression of the emergency medical services. Your demeanor around patients and caregivers is also important: how you act and talk can affect the atmosphere. There is always the possibility of contact with bodily fluids. Appropriate clothing helps reduce the risk of exposure. The latest information regarding infectious disease precautions will be explained by your instructor.

For clinical rotations, you must dress and act professionally following the clinical sites' dress and behavior codes:

- Collared shirt provided by NOC
- **Black EMS-style utility pants (no jeans, shorts, skinny pants, or sweats)**
- **Black EMS boots (no high heels, sneakers, or sandals). Shoes must be in good condition**
- All bodies and clothing must be clean and neat
- Long hair must be clean and pulled back (unnatural hair color may not be acceptable)
- All sites require removal of excess jewelry and visible non-traditional body piercings
- We also ask that you not have any visible tattoos (the use of a long sleeve undershirt to cover the lower arm is acceptable)

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Transportation

The clinical locations range from 20-50 minutes away from the NOC. You will be responsible for your own transportation to/from these locations. It is usually possible to carpool with another student. Please let our office know if you will not have a vehicle, we can provide a list of shuttle drivers in the area, please note that an additional fee may apply.

Recommended Gear List

EMT Intensive course:

- Textbook (provided by SOLO SE)
- Approved clothing for clinicals (see above)
- Waterproof Jacket
- Wristwatch with seconds displayed (cell phone is not sufficient)
- Pens and any other office supplies necessary for studying (notebooks, highlighters, sticky- notes, etc.)
- Clothing appropriate to the weather for hands-on scenarios

Wilderness EMT (as above and...):

- Backpack for carrying gear (medium to large)
- Rain gear (tops and bottoms)
- Layers of clothing (for splinting exercises and to keep yourself warm during scenarios)
- Warm hat or sun hat (depending on season)
- Water bottles (at least 1 quart/liter)
- Head lamp or flashlight
- Footwear appropriate to the terrain (closed toes, no flip flops)
- Insect repellent (seasonal)
- Sunscreen
- Additional items (not required):
 - Old sleeping bag or blanket
 - Footwear you don't mind getting wet
 - Knife
 - Plastic tarp or groundsheet (min 6'x 6')
 - Sleeping pad (ensolite or thermarest)
 - Personal first aid kit (Band-Aids etc.)
 - Some of our scenarios may be water based; if you have your own wetsuit, PFD, water shoes, splash gear etc. please feel free to bring them, although we will supply all necessary gear free of charge

Textbooks

You will receive your textbook via UPS/Fed EX/USPS two months prior to the course start date, or upon registration if within two months prior. The tuition fee includes the cost of the textbook. You are responsible for bringing the text with you to the course, failure to do so will result in an additional fee for having to re-order and ship the text.

****Note: There will be approximately 24 hours of pre-course work to be completed prior to your first day of class,** details via e-mail once your textbook is shipped.

Notebooks and Texts Provided:

- Brady Emergency Care (14th edition)
- Wildcare SOLO textbook (for students completing the Wilderness-EMT)

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Testing

Testing is an important component of taking this accelerated EMT. You must have good reading ability (11th grade at minimum) and not suffer severe test anxiety or disability. You will take daily quizzes, weekly tests, and a final written exam.

In order to evaluate your progress and eventual proficiency, appropriate tests and quizzes will be frequently administered including: ASHI CPR Pro, First Responder, SOLO Wilderness EMT, and National Registry EMT practice tests.

- The American Safety and Health Institute CPR for the Professional exam requires a passing score of 70% or better. You must pass CPR to attend clinical rotations and pass the course. *CPR will be administered within the first week of the course, the SOLO office staff will upload your CPR card to CastleBranch at that time. **Previous CPR certifications will not be accepted.**
- Each SOLO test has both a written and practical component requiring a passing score of 70% or better.
- All exam candidates must be appropriately dressed. Tank tops, short-shorts, tight clothing, cut off shirts and/or pants are examples of inappropriate attire. Inappropriately dressed candidates will be asked to leave the testing facility.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU FAIL TO ACHIEVE 70% OR HIGHER ON YOUR FINAL SOLO TEST, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TEST FOR STATE OR NATIONAL REGISTRY EXAMS. PAYING FOR THE CLASS DOES NOT GUARANTEE PASSING THE CLASS.

Licensure

Students will take the SOLO EMT written final exam and the NREMT practical exam at the end of the EMT portion of the class. Students must pass both tests to pass the course.

- Upon successful completion of SOLO Southeast's EMT class you will be able to take the National Registry written examination, NC State examination or both. Reciprocity with your home state is not guaranteed.

Please consult your state Office of EMS regarding their reciprocity requirements. This will help you understand what you will need to do after course completion to become certified in your state.

Once fully attained, NC OEMS Credentials are valid for 4 years while NREMT and WEMT Certifications must be renewed every 2 years. Renewal requirements for each of these certifications may be found at the following sites:

- **NC OEMS Recertification Requirements:** <https://oems.nc.gov/education/>
- **NREMT Recertification Requirements:** <https://www.nremt.org/EMT/Recertification>
- **WEMT Recertification Requirements:** The WEMT wilderness component is recertified by taking a SOLO Wilderness First Responder Recertification class. In order to retain the WEMT certification, students must have a current NREMT or state EMS license. Again, the WEMT is a 2-year certification: <https://southeastwildernessmedicine.com/course/wilderness-first-responder-recertification/>

Lodging

There are various lodging options available at NOC at a discounted rate to students. Most students opt for our bunkhouse called Basecamp. This is very basic, shared lodging. You should expect to share the room with at least one other EMT student of the same gender. These rooms have heat and air conditioning. You will also have access to a communal kitchen, refrigerator, showers and laundry. Please bring your own bath and bed linens (beds are twin size) and a flashlight. We recommend bringing everything you need to cook and store your meals. All NOC buildings are smoke-free. Do not plan to store alcohol in the community refrigerator, as minors have access to this area. We ask that you leave your pets at home.

We generally recommend your lodging start the evening before the first day of the course and run through the evening of the last day of the course. **Basecamp lodging is not guaranteed. Register early to ensure that you get a discounted spot.**

Meals

While we do not offer a meal plan, participants will be offered a 20% discount card for use at our restaurants (hours vary by season). For those lodging at NOC, kitchen facilities (refrigerators, ovens, stoves, and microwaves) are available in the community building at Basecamp. We recommend bringing everything you need to cook and store your meals. The closest grocery store is Ingles in Bryson City, about 13 miles from NOC.

Other Services and Information

- The SOLO Office phone number is 828-366-7517
- In an **emergency** you can contact Todd Doster, SOLO Southeast EMT Director at 828-488-7190
- Free wireless internet is available throughout NOC.
- You can receive mail at NOC during your stay. Please notify our office staff so that we can be sure to get the mail to you. The address should read:
Your Name – EMT (or WEMT) Student C/O Nantahala Outdoor Center
13077 Highway 19 West Bryson City, NC 28713
- Coin operated washers and dryers are available in the rear of our General Store.

Outfitter's Store

Our two-story Outfitter's Store features an incredible selection of equipment, apparel, and accessories for the outdoor world. From high-performance kayaks to the latest trail shoes, we carry top brands and a selection of innovative gear you won't find anywhere else.

Weather

The weather in western NC is extremely variable. Please check the weather for zip code 28713 before you arrive. Come prepared to be outside for long periods in any weather.

We look forward to having you here. Good luck with your preparation and feel free to call us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Your class will start at 8:00 AM at our main SOLO Classroom, which is building #16 on the map below.

NOC CAMPUS MAP



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