Welcome To MECTA Emergency Medical Technician *Refresher* - Online

Introduction: The Massachusetts Emergency Care Training Ag/Academy, MECTA will be offering the EMT Refresher Program in an online format. The course number is **EMT 103,** and will conclude with a **mandatory class meeting**, (TBA). This class meeting involves skill station rotations, and a final written exam, per the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and NREMT regulations.

Course Overview: The Online EMT Refresher is designed to review and update knowledge and skills required to maintain the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians, EMT certification. The online format is intended to incorporate a flexible schedule tailored to each student's time and/or work availability. The class content is designed to facilitate each student's prior knowledge and experience as an EMT, and it will include a mandatory skills lab. The course is broken down into modules, representing the 1994 US Department of Transportation National Standard curriculum, which will be accessible via the internet.

Course Content: The course site will include a syllabus, content pages, and self-administered review quizzes/exams. This course will qualify you to recertify your EMT-Basic certificate for a two year period. Each student must complete the on-line assignments and quizzes prior to scheduling their skills evaluation, and post-test session. Students will complete required assignments and take subsequent quizzes on-line. After submission of the assignments and/or quizzes, the students will attend the skills evaluation and post-test session and an optional CPR recertification (dates/times TBA). It must be noted that the student will have up to six (6) weeks to complete all aspects of the course.

Minimum Computer System Requirements: If your computer is PC compatible it should be at least a Pentium level or better processor with a VGA monitor, and be running Windows 98 or later (however, upgrading may not be a bad idea). If your computer is a MAC, then it should be at least a Power Macintosh or better, running with OS 8.0 or above. You should also need to use Netscape 4.5 (MAC, Windows) or Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher (Windows).

Textbook: A textbook purchase is not required for this course, however, the student should have their EMT course textbook available as a reference and or purchase an EMT Refresher text at http://www.emszone.com/emtb/

Certification: After successfully finishing this online program, you will receive a MECTA Course Completion certificate. You will need to process a re-certification application with the Commonwealth and/or the NREMT. MECTA does not issue your actual EMT Certificate/Card. There will be additional fees imposed by the Commonwealth and/or National Registry to complete the certification processing. The phone number for DPH/OEMS is (617) 753-7300. Their web site is: http://www.mass.gov/dph/oems/ and the web site for the NREMT is http://www.nremt.org/about/nremt_news.asp

Thank you for your interest in our online EMT Refresher Course. We look forward to meeting you during our practical lab class session at the end of the semester, but in the meantime, please don't hesitate to email us at info@mecta.com if you have any questions. Remember to bookmark this page and check back again in case there have been any changes or updates.

- *LJ Gosselin, Academy President*