

# Approved Emergency Care Courses and Certifications for Recreational Facility Staff

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## Table A. Emergency Care Courses and Certifications Required for Lifeguards at Public Pool and Water Attraction Facilities, and for Health Services Staff at-Recreational Education (Rec-Ed) Camps

\*Automated external defibrillator (AED) training is required for any public pool or camp per Wis. Stat. § 97.67(6).

### PUBLIC POOL AND WATER ATTRACTION FACILITIES

For all public pool and water attraction facilities required to have a lifeguard, that lifeguard must have approved first aid certification and approved CPR certification. First aid and CPR with AED may be covered in approved lifeguard courses in a combination 'lifeguard, first aid, CPR/AED package,' or as a stand-alone to be combined with approved basic first aid and CPR/AED\*.

Recreation Type	Required Certification for Lifeguard (descriptions in Table B)
Public pools and water attraction	Lifeguard (with basic first aid and pro CPR/AED either as part of the course or earned separately). If water depth is 5 feet or less, Shallow Water Lifeguard is acceptable.

### REC-ED CAMPS

A Rec-Ed camp or rental group must have a health services staff member who has completed approved training in both first aid and CPR. The number of certified individuals required will depend on given EMS target response time.

Camps Serving Infants: For various Rec-Ed camp uses, if the camp is going to serve infants as campers, then the camp health staff member who meets the requirement for first aid and CPR must have a CPR course that includes infants.

AED Training\*: Courses already approved for CPR will remain approved as they were until they expire in 2020. New courses without AED will be acceptable for groups traveling away from the main camp (either offsite or onsite).

Location: For the camp to be considered within 30 minutes of emergency medical services (EMS), any location at the camp that may need to be reached by EMS must be able to be reached within 30 minutes.

Type of Camp or Rental Group	Acceptable Courses for Health Staff (descriptions in Table B)			
	First Aid		CPR	
	Basic	Comprehensive	Basic	Comprehensive
Rec-Ed camp or rental group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any length of overnight stay</li> <li>Is located more than 30 minutes from EMS or</li> <li>Has no reliable way of reaching EMS</li> <li>Traveling to a location more than 30 minutes from EMS</li> <li>No written target response time</li> </ul>	2x staff		2x staff	
Rec-Ed camp is located within 30 minutes of EMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EMS states in writing the camp is within 30 minutes and</li> <li>There is a reliable phone available at the camp</li> <li>Traveling to a location within 30 minutes from EMS</li> </ul>	1x staff		1x staff	

**Table B. Approved Courses and Credentials for Rec Programs  
(Public Pools and Water Attractions and Rec Ed Camps)**

Course	Credentials
<b>Lifeguard Certifications</b>	
Lifeguard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boy Scouts of America Lifeguard (with approved basic first aid course and professional CPR course with AED)</li> <li>• Wilderness Water Safety (rec ed camp only)</li> </ul>
Lifeguard (includes required approved Basic First Aid and Professional CPR/AED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Red Cross Lifeguard (note, for courses completed after 12/31/23, an approved professional CPR course must be successfully completed annually)</li> <li>• American Red Cross Shallow Water Lifeguard (for water 5 feet or less in depth only) (note, for course completed after 12/31/23, an approved professional CPR course must be successfully completed annually)</li> <li>• StarGuard Lifeguard (check to make sure the certificate is not limited to one facility; for example, a shallow-water facility); StarGuard sometimes issues a certification that is limited to one facility. If that is the case, then that certification can only be used at that facility.</li> <li>• Milwaukee County Aquatics Lifeguard Corps</li> <li>• Lifeguard Pro (Deep Pool, Swimming Pool, Waterfront, Youth Camp, Water Park)</li> <li>• YMCA Lifeguard</li> <li>• Ellis/International Lifeguard Training Program Lifeguard and Pool Training; or Lifeguard and Special Facilities, or Open Water. Check to make sure depth on facility matched maximum depth for facility</li> <li>• Ellis/International Lifeguard Training Program Shallow Water</li> <li>• American Aquatics and Safety Training Lifeguard</li> <li>• World Academy of Safety and Health Lifeguard</li> </ul>
<b>First Aid Courses</b>	
Basic First Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any “approved” Lifeguard course</li> <li>• Emergency Care and Safety Institute Standard First Aid</li> <li>• Emergency Care and Safety Institute Standard First Aid with CPR/AED</li> <li>• The National Aquatic Safety Company Lifeguard (with advanced first aid for lifeguards)</li> <li>• Emergency Care and Safety Institute First Aid</li> <li>• American Heart Association Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid/CPE/AED with American Heart Association Heartsaver Adult First Aid and Adult CPR/AED</li> <li>• American Heart Association Heartsaver Adult First Aid and Adult CPR/AED</li> <li>• American Safety and Health Institute Basic First Aid</li> <li>• YMCA Lifeguard</li> <li>• American Aquatics and Safety Training Lifeguard (first aid component)</li> </ul>
Comprehensive First Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physician (MD or DO), licensed in Wisconsin pursuant to s. <a href="#">448.033</a>, Stats.</li> <li>• Nurse (RN or LPN), licensed in Wisconsin pursuant to s. <a href="#">441.115(3)</a>, Stats.</li> <li>• National Association of Athletic Trainers-certified trainer</li> <li>• Physician assistant, licensed in Wisconsin</li> <li>• American Safety and Health Institute Advanced First Aid</li> <li>• American Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid</li> <li>• National Outdoor Leadership Schools Wilderness First Aid</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Care and Safety Institute Wilderness First Aid</li> </ul>
Comprehensive First Aid and (Professional) CPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Medical Technician (any state)</li> <li>Red Cross Responding to Emergencies</li> <li>Red Cross Emergency Medical Response</li> <li>Emergency Medical Responder (also known as Medical First Responder) with AHA BLS</li> <li>Milwaukee County Lifeguard</li> </ul> <p><b>No Infant Campers:</b> The following courses are acceptable comprehensive first aid and CPR for any Rec-Ed camps as long as none of the campers are infants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wilderness Medical Associates Wilderness First Aid</li> <li>Wilderness Medical Associates Wilderness First Responder</li> <li>Wilderness Medical Associates Wilderness Advanced First Aid</li> <li>SOLO Wilderness First Responder</li> <li>National Outdoor Leadership Schools Wilderness Advanced First Aid</li> </ul>
<b>CPR Courses</b>	
Basic CPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED</li> <li>American Heart Association Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED with Adult Heartsaver CPR/AED</li> <li>Emergency Care and Safety Institute Standard CPR/AED</li> <li>Emergency Care and Safety Institute Standard First Aid, CPR/AED</li> </ul> <p><b>No Infant Campers:</b> The following course(s) are acceptable for basic CPR for limited (very simple) Rec-Ed camp uses and when none of the campers are infants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Care and Safety Institute Wilderness First Aid</li> </ul> <p><b>No Child or Infant Campers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/AED</li> </ul>
Professional CPR Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer</li> <li>American Red Cross Responding to Emergencies</li> <li>American Heart Association ACLS Provider</li> <li>American Red Cross BLS</li> <li>American Safety and Health Institute BLS</li> <li>American Heart Association BLS</li> <li>Emergency Care Safety Institute BLS</li> </ul>
Comprehensive First Aid and (Professional) CPR, continued.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Cross Emergency Medical Response</li> <li>Emergency Medical Responder (also known as Medical First Responder) with AHA BLS</li> <li>Milwaukee County Lifeguard</li> </ul> <p><b>No Infant Campers:</b> The following courses are acceptable comprehensive first aid and CPR for any Rec-Ed camps as long as none of the campers are infants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wilderness Medical Associates Wilderness First Aid</li> <li>Wilderness Medical Associates Wilderness First Responder</li> <li>Wilderness Medical Associates Wilderness Advanced First Aid</li> <li>SOLO Wilderness First Responder</li> <li>National Outdoor Leadership Schools Wilderness Advanced First Aid</li> </ul>
<b>Anaphylaxis Training Courses</b>	
If a Rec-Ed camp is prescribed epinephrine,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Red Cross Epinephrine Autoinjector</li> <li>Wilderness Medical Associates Wilderness First Responder</li> </ul>

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<p>health staff must have training from an approved provider listed to the right.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wilderness Medical Associates Wilderness First Aid</li> <li>• Wilderness Medical Associates Wilderness Advanced First Aid</li> <li>• Emergency Medical Technician (any state, includes paramedic)</li> <li>• Emergency Medical Responder</li> <li>• National Outdoor Leadership Schools Wilderness Advanced First Aid</li> <li>• National Outdoor Leadership Schools Wilderness First Responder</li> <li>• National Outdoor Leadership Schools Wilderness First Aid</li> <li>• Any anaphylaxis training pursuant to s. <a href="#">255.07(5)</a>, Stats.</li> </ul>

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