



At Rutland Senior Secondary

What is Emergency Medical Responder?

- EMR stands for Emergency Medical Responder. It is a Canada Wide Standard for industrial first aid as well as an entry level qualification to work for an ambulance service.

Who Hires EMRs?

- EMRs may work in industry providing required medical services for worksites, especially higher risk or more remote worksites.
- EMRs may also be hired by ambulance services in rural areas of BC.*
- Some fire departments are also starting to upgrade their firefighters' medical skills to EMR.

* - Primary Care Paramedic is the preferred qualification for the BC Ambulance Service.



Who Should Take EMR?



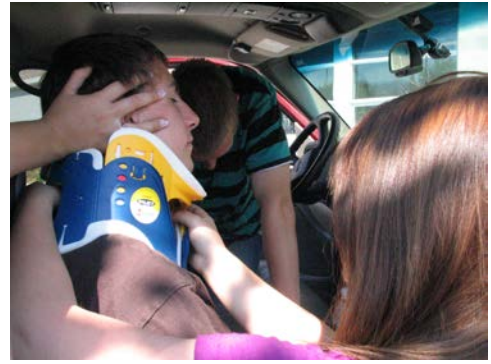
- Any students who are interested in a career in health care or emergency services; such as a nurse, paramedic, firefighter, respiratory therapist or doctor.
- Specifically, the EMR course is the pre-requisite to continue on into the Primary Care Paramedic program to work as a paramedic.

What Do EMRs Learn?

- In general EMRs learn how to treat and assess patients for a variety of medical and traumatic situations.
- The following is a list of some of the skills EMRs learn:
 - EMS systems and communication,
 - Scene assessment and personal safety,
 - primary survey,
 - airway maneuvers and adjuncts,
 - spinal immobilization and hard collars,
 - oxygen therapy,
 - hemorrhage control,
 - history taking,
 - vital signs including blood pressures,
 - chest auscultation,
 - head-to-toe evaluation,
 - pharmacology,
 - intravenous maintenance,
 - CPR level "C" including defibrillation,
 - Chest Pain, General pain, diabetic, respiratory, anaphylaxis, discontinue resuscitation protocols
 - splinting including traction splints,
 - emergency childbirth and pediatrics,
 - blood glucometry,
 - pulse oximetry,
 - vehicle extrication,
 - helicopter safety.

What is the Course Like?

- The EMR course is different than most courses you have taken. Classroom time will not be spent teaching theory. You will be responsible to do all the reading on your own time. 90% of classroom time will be spent on hands-on practice of various medical or trauma scenarios.
- You are also required to complete an online course before EMR class starts.



Does the EMR Course Count for Graduation?

- Yes. The EMR is recognized as four credits towards graduation.
- In addition, the online pre-study course is worth 4 additional credits.



What Do I get in the End?

- If you successfully pass the written and 3 practical exams, you will receive an EMR course completion certificate. If you plan to go on in a paramedic career, this is the requisite.
- If you want to WORK with your EMR, you will need to do a separate government licensing exam.
- 8 credits towards graduation.
- CPR C Certification

How do I apply?

- The EMR course is offered at Rutland Senior Secondary but is open to all SD 23 students.
- Note that George Elliot, Mt. Boucherie and Okanagan Mission have the exact same schedule as RSS; KSS students can take EMR but it is more difficult to match schedules.
- Your careers department should have an application or contact avolk@sd23.bc.ca
- Applications should be in AT THE END OF MARCH

