

Program of Instruction

Course Syllabus

Course Title: NWCG (S-359) Medical Unit Leader

Course Duration: 20 hours

Program: Wildland Firefighting

Course Prerequisites: IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, ICS-300 or CGSFLIMT or equivalent

Course Description: This 20 hour course is designed to meet the training needs of an incident Medical Unit Leader, (MEDL), as outlined in the Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualification System Guide, PMS 310-1, and the Position Task Book (PTB) developed for this position.

Course Requirements and/or Recommendations: These can be divided into three categories: those completed prior to arriving in class (Pre-Course Work), those completed during class, such as homework assignments and quizzes (Course Work), and requirements completed after class but prior to receiving a certificate of completion. (Post-Course Work)

Summary of Directions

Pre-Course Work: N/A

Course Work: Attend 100% and participate. Successful completion of quizzes and exam.

Post-Course Work: N/A

Course Policies:

Attendance Policy: IFSI requires students to attend (100%) or make up all course content that leads to certification. Students are expected to attend on time and to remain in class for the duration of the course. Students **MUST COMPLETE** all portions of a certification course, both classroom and practical, to be eligible to receive their certification.

If a student misses any portion of class with an accumulated absence of 20% or less of scheduled class time, it will be the student's responsibility to arrange the make-up of the missed course content with the instructor(s) or program manager. The student must make up the specific course content that s/he missed, not just the hours. Make-ups are limited to 20% of scheduled class time. Make-ups must be documented on the class roster. If a student's absence is greater than 20% refer to "True Emergences" section of the IFSI Examination Policy.

Safety Policy: Students shall understand and follow all instructions pertaining to operational safety, as stated by instructors or as written in course materials. Instructors and students shall be mindful of safety at all times. Conduct judged to be unsafe shall be grounds for dismissal from the course.

Academic Integrity Policy: IFSI has the responsibility for maintaining academic integrity so as to protect the quality of the education provided through its courses, and to protect those who depend upon our integrity. It is the responsibility of the student to refrain from infractions of academic integrity, from conduct that may lead to suspicion of such infractions, and from conduct that aids others in such infractions. Any violation of the code of conduct is grounds for immediate dismissal from the course.

Grading Policy: Decisions regarding certificates of course completion shall be made solely by the lead instructor of the course. All grading of exams shall be conducted by the Curriculum/Testing Office. All grading of practical exercises shall be based upon the standards set by the regulatory agency referenced in the course material and IFSI.

American Disabilities Act: As guaranteed in the Vocational Rehabilitation Act and in the American Disabilities Act, if any student needs special accommodations they are to notify their instructor and provide documentation as soon as possible so arrangements can be made to provide for the student's needs. If arrangements cannot be made at the class site, the student will test at an alternative time and place where the special accommodations can be made

Evaluation Strategy:

NWCG has a specific 44 question exam that is required to be taken. answer 80% of the final written exam.

Course Content:

Unit 0

Title: Introduction

Terminal Learning Objectives: The student will be able to describe the intent/focus of the course.

Unit 1

Title: Assignment Information

Terminal Learning Objectives: The student will be able to explain what information to gather about an incident assignment.

Unit 2

Title: Establishing and Maintaining the Unit

Terminal Learning Objectives: The student will be able to know how to establish and maintain the medical unit of an incident.

Unit 3

Title: Organize and Supervise the Unit

Terminal Learning Objectives: The student will be able to explain the responsibilities organizing and supervising an incident medical unit.

Unit 4

Title: Evaluation of Patient Assessment and Care

Terminal Learning Objectives: The student will be able to understand how to evaluate the staff's ability to assess patients and provide for their care properly.

Unit 5

Title: Documentation

Terminal Learning Objectives: The student will be able to properly document the activities, treatment of patients, equipment and supplies utilized by an incident medical unit.

Unit 6

Title: Demobilization

Terminal Learning Objectives: The student will be able to explain the roles and responsibilities of the Medical Unit Leader before and during demobilization of the medical unit.

Textbook:

NWCG S-359 Medical Unit Leader Field Reference Guide, March 2000, NFES 2588

NWCG Fireline Handbook, PMS 410-1

NWCG Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualifications System Guide, PMS 310-1

NWCG Interagency Incident Management Handbook, NFES 2160, PMS 902

NWCG National Interagency Mobilization Guide

National Fire Equipment System Catalog, Part 1 & 2 (PMS 449-1)

Reference List:

National Wildfire Coordinating Group Wildland and Prescribed Fire Qualification System Guide, PNS 310-1 and the Medical Unit Leader Position Task Book.

Course Schedule

DAY ONE

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Module Unit 0 -- Introduction	1 ½ hours
Module Unit 1 – Assignment Information	1 hour
Module Unit 2 – Establishing and Maintaining the Unit	1 hour
Lunch	
Module Unit 2 – Establishing and Maintaining the Unit (Continued)	1 hour
Exercise – Initial Incident Order	1 hour
Module Unit 2 – Establishing and Maintaining the Unit (Continued)	1 ½ hours

DAY TWO

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Module Unit 2 – Establishing and Maintaining the Unit (Continued)	1 hours
Exercise – Unit 2 Parts 1 & 2	2 ½ hours
Lunch	
Module Unit 3 – Organizing and Supervising the Unit	3 hours
Exercise – Medical Plan ICS-206	1 hour

DAY THREE

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Module Unit 4 – Evaluation of Patient Assessment and Care	1 hour
Module Unit 5 – Documentation	1 ½ hours
Module Unit 6 – Demobilization	1 hour
Lunch	
Review of the course objectives	½ hour
Final course Examination	1 ½ hours