

# University of Illinois Fire Service Institute

## Course Syllabus

**Course Title:** Opioid Awareness ONLINE

**Course Duration:** 1 Hour

**Program:** EMS Programs

**Course Prerequisites:** No Prerequisites

**Course Description:** This 1-hour course should be taken by all first responders of all experience levels – fire, police, EMS, EMA, and CERT. This course covers the expanse of the opioid problem locally in Illinois and nationally. It introduces prevention programs that are available in Illinois and information on Narcan – how to obtain it, what it is, and how to administer it. Upon completion of this course, the student will have an increased awareness of the opioid problem and what they can do to help.

### **Course Requirements:**

Pre-Course Work – None  
Course Work – Online Class  
Post-Course Work – None

### **Course Policies:**

**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.

**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 alternate time and place where the special accommodations can be made.

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## Course Content:

Module: 1

Title: Background

Terminal Learning Objective:

1. At the conclusion of this module, the student will describe the extent of the opioid problem nationwide and locally.

Module: 2

Title: Prevention

Terminal Learning Objective:

2. At the conclusion of this module, the student will describe the opioid abuse prevention programs that are available.

Module: 3

Title: Recognition

Terminal Learning Objective:

3. At the conclusion of this module, the student will describe what a first responder encounters when a person is suffering from an opioid overdose.

Module: 4

Title: Treatment

Terminal Learning Objective:

4. At the conclusion of this module, the student will describe ways they can help a person who is suffering from an opioid overdose.

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## Course Schedule

### DAY ONE

<u>Event</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Module 1 – Background	15 Minutes
Module 2 – Prevention	15 Minutes
Module 3 – Recognition	15 Minutes
Module 4 – Treatment	15 Minutes