

4 Hour Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT) Refresher

Course Description:

Hospital and healthcare workers risk occupational exposure to chemical, biological, or radiological materials when hospitals receive contaminated patients. Such incidents could be associated with manufactured or natural disasters. This four-hour course consists of operational objectives that provide hospital / healthcare personnel with the basic skills needed to evaluate and mitigate an incident. This curriculum is based upon the current standards and best practices of various OSHA, The Joint Commission and CDC requirements.

Course Objectives:

- Review hazardous materials regulations, associated incidents, and risks
- Recognize signs and symptoms of a HAZMAT exposure and / or contamination
- Recall the employee's role in Emergency Operations Plan
- Review personal protection equipment selection and donning/doffing procedures
- Review site safety, security, and risks
- Apply Hospital Emergency Incident Command System (HICS) principles
- Demonstrate the deployment of a shelter and decontamination equipment

Who should attend?

- Hospital / healthcare employees with emergency response duties
- Supervisors and administrators of hospital / healthcare facilities
- Maintenance and security employees of hospital / healthcare facilities

Pre-Requisite:

- Participants must have successfully completed the 8-hour Hospital Emergency Response Team course.

Earned Credentials:

Successful completion of the course will earn participants 4 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) (Ohio Board of Nursing through the approver unit at the Ohio League for Nursing) and a certificate verifying this achievement.