

PER 211 – Medical Management of CBRNE Events

Frequently Asked Questions

The PER 211, a performance level course, is one of several TEEEX courses taught and funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Individuals or organizations may elect to either attend or host the PER 211.

1. What does it cost to host the PER 211 course?

There are no direct costs or course costs to the jurisdiction. The course grant does *not*, however, cover the costs of jurisdictional salaries, travel, or per diem costs for course participants, should they be required.

2. Can I charge the participants a fee for the course?

No and yes. Our DHS grant strictly prohibits an organization to profit from hosting the course. However, hosts may charge a nominal fee in order to recover expenses for snack, beverage, or room rental costs.

3. Who can attend?

The course is designed to assist a jurisdiction in developing an EMS incident management team capable of planning for and responding to a CBRNE, all hazard, or terrorist incident. Ideally, the host should invite a balanced combination of personnel from emergency response organizations and hospitals throughout the jurisdiction and surrounding areas. The following disciplines are the intended audience:

- EMS and Fire (including dispatchers)
- Hospital (MDs, RNs, Techs)
- Hazmat and Decon teams
- Law Enforcement (including dispatchers)
- Public Health and Emergency Management
- Community Emergency Response Teams

4. How much does it cost to attend a course?

TEEX offers the course to participants for no charge. The host may request a nominal fee for incidentals.

5. What is an ideal location at which the course can be hosted? And, how long should I reserve the classrooms at that location?

The course can be hosted at any location that has two classrooms that can be reserved for (a) one day before class, and (b) the actual class dates.

6. What types of classrooms are best?

One classroom should be a lecture-type classroom with enough seating for up to forty participants. The other classroom, or “breakout room,” should be near the lecture room and be capable of supporting ½ of the participants in group activities and simulations. Due to the amount and weight of the course equipment, classrooms located on any floor other than the ground floor must have elevator access.

7. Are there any other classroom requirements?

Yes. The both the adult and pediatric Human Patient Simulators (HPS) utilize non-flammable, compressed gasses: oxygen, nitrogen, carbon dioxide, and compressed air. The selected classroom should be an area approved to house these gasses overnight for the duration of the class. Other requirements include:

- A screen suitable for viewing at any angle by the entire class in the lecture classroom
- A dry-erase marker board or chalk-board in the lecture classroom
- Access to a forklift is highly desirable

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8. Is there a participant minimum or maximum?

Yes. The grant requires a minimum of 32 students for this course. The maximum is forty students.

9. Does the course offer any continuing education (CE) credits?

The PER 211 course is approved for the following credits:

- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP): 15.0 hours
NOTE: AAFP Prescribed credit is accepted by the AMA as equivalent to AMA PRA Category 1 Credit toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award
- Emergency Nurses Association (ENA): 15.0 hours
- Upon successful completion of all coursework, each participant will be mailed a letter detailing the specific amount of CE credits that were awarded.

10. Can I receive college credit for attending the PER 211 course?

We can present documentation of our course objectives. However, it will be up to the participant to present that documentation to the intended college. Then, it will be up to the college if college credit can be awarded.

11. Will I get a PER 211 course certificate if I do not complete the two recommended online courses?

Yes. Each participant should complete the recommended online courses though. Each participant can print the two online course certificates or transcript immediately after the courses are completed.

12. Will I get a PER 211 course certificate if I do not attend the entire 16 hours of class?

No. Also, be aware that ENA and AAFP credits can be awarded only to those participants that attend the entire course.

13. How long is the course?

A standard PER 211 course is two consecutive, eight-hour days. However, we understand that many jurisdictions or organizations work in shifts or may be comprised primarily of volunteers. We can adapt our course schedule to accommodate most participant or host needs using a shift-friendly schedule – as long as the course schedule contains the curriculum's sixteen hours of training.

14. What time does the course start each day?

Typically the course will start at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m.