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Course Syllabus for Wilderness First Aid Certification Summer 2022

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Course Start Date: June 13th, 2022.

Duration of Course: 90 days

Format of Course: Online interactive

Contact Hours: 16, plus 8 homework hours for a total of 24 possible hours.

Course Description: In response to the global pandemic, The Human Path has moved elements of our popular wilderness medicine training into an interactive remote format. Students will receive an emergency first aid kit that contains trauma first aid gear to complete hands-on training in the 'practical skills' portion of the course, all done at home.

The 24-hour WFA course will also include downloadable video modules that step through wilderness medicine foundation skills for remote and post-disaster response. Each section will have progress quizzes and a hands-on skills exercise and assessment.

At the end of the course, there will be a final live skills review and test. Students will choose from scheduled times and demonstrate thinking and action skills in a scenario-based test (usually involving several students as a group) before taking the final certification written exam online. Certification will be issued to students who show competency in those skills and pass the final written exam with 70% or higher, as well as complete the course with a final cumulative grade of 70% or higher. Certification is issued through Emergency Care & Safety Institute (ECSI), and lasts 2 years from the date of successful passing of the course.

Wilderness first aid certification is provided by ECSI, which is created, endorsed and underwritten by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) and American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP).

A national ECSI certification card is issued which is valid for 2 years.

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This course will cover the following topics:

- Primary and secondary survey
- Scene Safety and Awareness
- Moving and transporting a victim
- Assessing and treating a wide variety of trauma and life-threatening situations
- Splinting & bandaging
- Ankle stabilization for walking
- High altitude injuries, heat and cold injuries, acute illness and infection
- Snake and insect bites & stings
- Shock
- Head injuries
- First Responder planning, building first aid kits, wilderness safety and hygiene and more

Prerequisites: None

This course is a requirement for the following certifications from The Human Path and Herbal Medics Academy: [Austere Medicine Program](#), [The Female Medic](#), [Clinical Herbalism Program](#)

Instructional Methods: For the Summer 2022 online WFA class, materials will be mailed out to students on June 14th, or earlier if possible.

The online materials will then be rolled out in 3 waves:

- Wave 1: June 13th
- Wave 2: June 20th
- Wave 3: June 27th

Part 1 of this course is a self-directed study of wilderness medicine topics with skills assessments (using video) and testing (quizzes). Students will use our video interface made available to them online to record (webcam or phone) and upload video assignments of the hands-on skills using the materials mailed to them in their student materials.

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Part 2 is a scenario-based test in a live classroom with an instructor, as well as a final written certification exam (multiple choice online).

Students will be required to attend one evaluation session in order to pass the course and receive their certification. Students can reserve their spot by emailing Ana at thpanac@gmail.com. Below are the available options.

Part 2 Live, Scenario-Based Testing Date Options (Central Daylight Time):

July 5th, 7 - 9pm central time.

July 13th, 7 - 9pm central time.

July 21st, 7 - 9pm central time.

Course Requirements & Testing: To pass this course and receive their certification and credit towards an applicable program, Students will be required to pass all quizzes, pass the final exam, turn in all video assignments and pass the live, scenario-based testing. (Referred to as an evaluation session.)

A working webcam is required for testing and strongly recommended for video submissions, although students can film with their phones or cameras and upload their video clips if preferred.

Students do need a computer and internet connection for this course, and if desired, an external hard drive or sufficient space to download materials for personal future use.

Evaluation Session Expectations:

The evaluation sessions will cover content from the online courses and quizzes. Students are expected to have completed the online materials and strongly encouraged to complete homework assignments before attending their evaluation session in order to pass successfully.

Students will need to have the materials we send out handy for their evaluation session, so that they can potentially demonstrate a skill during their scenario.

Staff will send out an email a few days in advance with details about the session, explaining what kind of questions students will need to be able to answer during the evaluation.

Students do have until the course closes to complete any outstanding homework assignments and quizzes.

Students do not need to have anyone else (training partner, etc.) in attendance for the evaluation session, and can attend alone.

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Assessment:

Quizzes & video assignments: 50%

Testing (live group scenario and *written test): 50%

*Students must score a 70% or higher total on the final written (multiple choice) online exam to pass the course and receive credit. All homework assignments must be submitted and quizzes must be passed with a 70% or higher.

Course Access:

Access to this course will close on August 15th, 2022, 60 days after the course opens.

Extensions: Extensions are available upon request (contact Ana Coffman at thpanac@gmail.com to organize this) and an admin fee will be applicable. You can review the corresponding admin fees here: **Tuition Policy**. Extensions are 30 days in addition to the set access time, unless otherwise discussed. We do accept late tests and assignments if you have arranged an extension with our staff. Please stay in communication with us if you are having difficulties keeping up with the course for any reason. Requests for admin fees need to be submitted by 8/1, two weeks before the course is set to close, and admin fees paid by 8/8, one week before the course is set to close.

Course Content: All course materials will be made available for download unless otherwise noted. Students are encouraged to download all of the materials for personal use and future reference.

Shipped Materials: This course includes shipped materials. Materials will start shipping on June 14th. Once your class materials have shipped, there are no refunds or transfers from the course. If you have not recently confirmed your shipping information with our staff, have had a change of address, or plan to have a change of address soon, please notify Ana Coffman at thpanac@gmail.com, or another administration staff member.

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