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- a current schedule WEMSI-Sponsored and WEMSI-Recognized classes
- "The Wilderness EMS Institute"
- "The Wilderness EMT Curriculum"
- "Wilderness EMT and Wilderness Command Physician Classes"

## Version Numbering

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## The WEMSI Wilderness EMT Curriculum

In concert with a textbook, the Curriculum has been in development since 1986, and took as its starting point a program Dr. Keith Conover developed for the National Association for Search and Rescue in 1980. The Project has also drawn on other sources. These include the Wilderness EMT program offered by SOLO (Stonehearth Open Learning Opportunities), the WEMT program developed by Wilderness Medical Associates for the National Association for Search and Rescue, and the Winter Emergency Care Course of the National Ski Patrol. The Wilderness Medical Society's educational and research publications provide needed background for the Curriculum. The National Association of EMS Physicians has published clinical guidelines for delayed/prolonged transport that apply to WEMTs.

With its prerequisites, this Curriculum complies with the Wilderness Prehospital Emergency Care curriculum established by the Wilderness Medical Society. We assume that students have the knowledge and skills of an EMT-Basic or EMT-Paramedic. (The curriculum can accommodate both EMTs and paramedics in the same class.) The other prerequisite is certification to the Virginia Ground Search and Rescue Field Team Member standards or equivalent. EMT standards are available from state EMS offices or the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Virginia GSAR standards are available from the Virginia Department of Emergency Services, 310 Turner Road, Richmond, VA 23225-6491. The curriculum is competency-based rather than hours-based, but can be completed in roughly five intensive days. The curriculum also provides a checklist of recommended clinical training.

## WEMSI

The ASRC-CEM *Wilderness Emergency Medical Services Institute*, previously named the *Wilderness Emergency Medicine Curriculum Development Project*, is devoted to developing curricula for wilderness EMS providers and medical control physicians, and fosters wilderness EMS research. It is a cooperative venture of the Appalachian Search and Rescue Conference and the Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania. The ASRC is a large, tightly-knit wilderness search and rescue organization with seven teams throughout the mid-Appalachian states. The Center for Emergency Medicine is an emergency medicine and prehospital care research and teaching organization. It provides a medical helicopter service, an emergency medicine residency, Emergency Medical Services for Pittsburgh, and conducts related projects.

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