



Medicall

Admissions Policy

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1.0 Background

Medicall adheres to PHECC entry criteria stated in the Education and Training Standards for all Responder courses. Eligibility criteria include age and prior experience. Medicall criteria for admission to courses may differ depending on whether the applicant is a staff member or external commercial student. This policy relates to admission to the PHECC responder and practitioner courses.

1.1 Purpose

This policy aims to ensure a fair, transparent, and consistent admission/selection process for PHECC courses. Students can make informed decisions about the programmes they are entering. All students entering Medicall responder programmes must agree to complete registration forms including their email address which is now a requirement for PHECC eCertification. Medicall aims to provide equal opportunities for all applicants, regardless of background.

1.2 Reasonable Accommodation

Students who require support, are asked to identify their requirements at time of application. In the case of Responder courses, assistance with additional coloured notes, additional time for assessments or facilitating a reader may be required. Students who require additional support for practitioner programmes must provide evidence of an Educational Psychology report. This is required to be uploaded in advance of completing the Pre-hospital Emergency Care Councils multiple choice examinations. Medicall use the Dawn Handbook for Teaching Students with Disabilities to provide direction for learning supports. These are guidelines for faculty and where possible these guidelines will be used.

1.3 General Right to refuse admission

Medicall ensures that courses are conducted with courtesy and respect. Inappropriate behaviour towards any members or faculty will not be tolerated and viewed seriously. If such behaviour is deemed to be unacceptable in accordance with Medicall values and commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, or any other relevant policy, Medicall reserves the right to reject an applicant, withdraw an offer and/or discontinue correspondence during any part of the application process.

2.0 Admission onto CFR courses

CFR Community course has minimal entry requirements other than a participant should be mature enough to comprehend the knowledge, skills and implications associated with defibrillation.

Entry onto a CFR Advanced course additionally requires a background in healthcare or related fields. The CFR Advanced level is aimed at persons who may be working or volunteering in the emergency medical services, fire and rescue services or a healthcare professional working in healthcare facilities or in the community.

2.1 Admission onto FAR Courses

FAR community course has minimal entry requirements other than a course participant should be mature enough to comprehend the knowledge, skills and implications associated with defibrillation and have a maturity to complete the assessment to receive certification. Medicall recommend a minimum age of 16 years.

2.2 Admission onto Emergency First Responder Courses

The Emergency First Responder course entry requirement is completion of the CFR or CFRA advanced courses prior to commencing the programme. It is aimed at persons who may be working or volunteering in the emergency medical services, fire and rescue services or industrial settings. Commercial courses may be run based on the need of the provider, and enough students are available to make the course commercially viable.

2.3 Admission onto Emergency Medical Technician programmes

Admission onto the Medical EMT course is open to anyone who is interested in expanding their medical knowledge and skills base and delivering care to the public at a higher clinical level. Please note, course dates and venues are pending enough candidates and faculty availability. Places can only be confirmed once there are enough to make the course commercially viable. Should a student not complete the course or be unsuccessful in their PHECC Examination, they will be counselled around suitability to complete another course.

A bridging course is not available within Medical. Students may be admitted to this course a maximum of 3 times.

There are additional requirements for students wishing to complete the EMT course. These include, Aged 18 years and over, completion of Garda Vetting and Safeguarding training.