



Course Participation Standards

Potential students frequently ask us if it is permissible to miss a portion of their course. We recognize that scheduling conflicts are often unavoidable. We ask our students to recognize that in order to maintain a high-quality certification we must set high standards for course participation. This means that even students who have very good reasons for missing a portion of a course may lose the chance for certification.

1. What portion of a course must a learner attend in order to be certified?

100% attendance is required. Absences from the presentation of any course material places certification at risk. If you believe you will need to be absent for some portion of the course, prior arrangements, if permitted, need to be arranged with the Lead Instructor.

2. What options are available to a student who misses the introductory lecture?

The introductory lecture (the first topic covered on the first day of class) is required in order to pass the course. Students who miss this lecture may not be allowed to participate in the course. Refunds will be subject to the cancellation policy of the host organization.

3. If a student is absent for a portion of the course, can missed material be made up?

In general, any student missing more than two (2) hours of any course will not be eligible for certification in that course. It is up to the instructor's discretion whether the student may continue in this case. If an exception is granted, it will be up to the student to make up any missed work before the end of the course.

4. Will a refund be issued for the course if the student is asked to leave?

All financial arrangements in connection with the course are handled by the host organization, including cancellation and refund policies. Please note that WMA International will not issue a refund in the case of a dispute.

5. How many hours per day are students expected to devote to their course?

At least eleven (11) hours per day, not including meals, are spent on the course. Approximately nine (9) hours (not including meals) will be spent in class. Two (2) hours or more will be devoted to homework each evening. For this reason, students are encouraged to avoid being involved in any significant activity outside of the course.

6. For courses that include meals, to what extent are students expected to participate in meal preparation?

Hosts are told that, with the exception of breakfast, students should not be involved in food preparation. Students may, however, be expected to help with cleaning up after meals.

7. How much pre-course preparation is recommended?

The answer varies depending on the course. Some courses require 25-30 hours of pre-course work. More information can be found in the course descriptions and specific instructions will be provided by the host organization once the student has registered.

8. What is the length of each course?

- WFR: 5, 7 or 8 full days
- WEMS Upgrade: 5 full days
- Wafa: 4 full days
- Wafa to WFR Bridge: 4full days
- WALs®: 4 full days
- Open Recertification: 3 full days
- WFA: 2 full days

Courses broken up into evening sessions and partial days are discouraged.

9. May learners with current CPR certifications miss the first day of a WFR?

No. Much more than CPR is covered on the first day and course schedules vary.

10. Where can I find detailed information about Recertification Options?

The most current information about our recertification course options and eligibility can be found [here](#).