



# Region VIII ECRN Course

## Course Overview

The Emergency Communications Registered Nurse (ECRN) monitors Emergency Medical Services telecommunications from EMTs and Paramedics and acts as a designee of the EMS System Medical Director to provide medical direction to prehospital providers.

Utilizing various types of telecommunications devices, the ECRN guides prehospital providers through various medical emergencies based on the Region VIII Standard Operating Procedures.

This ECRN course provides the experienced emergency department registered nurse with the necessary information to perform this extended role and prepares a candidate for the written examination as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health Division of Emergency Medical Services & Highway Safety.

This course consists of 40 hours of didactic lecture presented over a period of five days and is supplemented with eight hours of required ambulance observation time with a local EMS provider. **Attendance at all classes is mandatory.**

## Course Prerequisites

Those interested in obtaining licensure as an ECRN must meet the following requirements:

- Be a licensed Registered Professional Nurse in the State of Illinois
- Have a minimum of one year emergency department experience or equivalent as a Registered Professional Nurse
- Be currently recognized in AHA Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support
- Have the approval of the EMS Medical Director

## Course Content

### Day 1

- History and Overview of EMS
- Medical Legal Considerations
- Prehospital Communications
- Documentation
- Initial Patient Assessment/Initial Medical Care

### Day 2

- Cardiac Emergencies
- Respiratory Emergencies
- Medical Emergencies
- Patients with Special Healthcare Needs

### Day 3

- Trauma Triage Guidelines
- Initial Trauma Care
- MVI, MCI/Triage and Incident Command
- Chest, Spine, Head, Ocular Trauma
- Musculoskeletal and Burn Injuries
- Near Drowning

### Day 4

- Obstetrical/Gynecological Emergencies
- Trauma in Pregnancy
- Initial Pediatric Care/Initial Pediatric Trauma Care
- Suspected Abuse and Neglect
- Patients with Special Health Care Needs
- Prehospital Medication Formulary

### Day 5

- ECRN Candidate Exam
- System-specific meeting to review policies, procedures and SOPs



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*Course Fee \$100 payable to hosting EMS System (cashier's check/money order)*

Course Dates:	Times:	Location:	Deadline:
<input type="checkbox"/> February 17, 21, 24, 28, March 3, 2017	8 AM-4 PM	Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital	January 27, 2017
<input type="checkbox"/> July 24-28, 2017	8 AM-4 PM	Central DuPage Hospital	July 3, 2017
<input type="checkbox"/> October 17-19, 25-26, 2017	8 AM-4 PM	Edward Hospital	September 26, 2017

**ATTENDANCE AT ALL CLASSES IS MANDATORY:**

Name:		Date of Birth:				
Home Address:						
City:	County:	State:	Zip:			
Cell Phone:		Work Phone:				
Email Address:		Driver's License State/Number:				
Employer:		Position/Title:				
Length of ED Nursing Experience:		Other related experience and length:				
Illinois Registered Professional Nurse License						
Number:		Expiration:				
EMS License(s) <u>currently or previously</u> held in Illinois:						
TNS	PHRN	EMR/FR	EMT/EMT-B	AEMT-EMT-I	Paramedic/EMT-P	Lead Instructor

Send completed registration form, cashier's check/money order, copies of current AHA BLS Healthcare Provider card, AHA ACLS card, and Illinois RN license to:

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