

Tips for Preparing for the NCRC Instructor Recertification Exam

The NCRC Instructor Recertification Exam is offered during national seminars, and at other NCRC events at the request of Regional Coordinators upon approval of the Training Coordinator. It covers the current version of the NCRC curriculum, as well as NCRC policies and procedures.

Instructors who are actively involved with weeklong seminars should be well prepared for the exam's curriculum questions. To ensure you are up to date on these concepts, attend one of the curriculum review/instructor update sessions at a national or regional seminar. Handouts from those sessions are posted to the website as they become available, but actual participation in the review session is recommended.

Before taking the exam, re-read the NCRC charter and the policies posted in the policies section of the NCRC website. Of particular importance are those covering national and regional seminars, and the role of the regional coordinators.

The exam features open-ended questions, rather than multiple-choice. It includes illustrations of rescue system components – you will need to be able to properly identify them and explain their function. It will focus on the things an instructor should know to effectively represent the NCRC to students, cooperators, etc., and the things you need to know/do to work effectively in the NCRC system. The resources listed above lay this out clearly.

At national seminars, the exam is typically offered after the instructor update on Friday, so you'll have time to ask questions before taking it. Alternative testing times during the national seminar may be arranged with the Training Coordinator.