



## Course Description

### PER-370 Hospital First Receivers: Detecting Radioactive Contamination

#### Description:

The course provides Hospital First Receivers/Healthcare workers with essential knowledge and skills that will assist them when responding to a radiological/nuclear Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) incident in the safest manner possible for themselves and victims. The course will provide the Participants with information on how to use radiological tools and contamination management processes to limit the spread and exposure to radioactive contaminants. The best practices presented in this course can be applied to any incident that involves radiological contamination.

#### Course Objectives:

- This course is designed to provide Healthcare workers with baseline knowledge and skills to manage radiological contamination that may be present in the facilities or found on patients and staff. This will be accomplished using scenarios and examples of controls that provide protective actions that can minimize health risks while performing emergency medical services after a radiological/nuclear WMD incident.
- The lessons focus on contamination management, radiation detection and monitoring instruments, and decontamination processes. The training will provide further understanding of the tools and skills needed to protect both the Healthcare provider and the victim during the final lesson, which uses hands-on drills for learning how to use radiological instruments to locate and identify radiological contaminants, what decontamination methodologies can assist in minimizing radiation exposure and how to handle contaminated, non-ambulatory victims.

#### Prerequisites:

**You must be a US Citizen to take this course. If you are not please let us know by email for further instruction at [OEM.TRAINING@DHSES.NY.GOV](mailto:OEM.TRAINING@DHSES.NY.GOV)**

All participants must have a FEMA Student Identification (FEMA SID) number. Students can search for their existing/create a new FEMA SID at: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/>.

#### Length: 8 Hours

#### Target Audience:

- Healthcare Workers termed First Receivers
- First Receivers includes personnel in the following roles: Clinicians, Physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners and physician assistants.
- Hospital staff who have a role in receiving and treating contaminated victims

#### Cost:

There is no fee for the course. Other cost considerations are detailed in each LMS course offering.

#### Signup Details:

Register through the New York State DHSES Learning Management System. Access the LMS through the link on the calendar webpage.