

IRCT Basic Online Course Information

Purpose of the IRCT Basic Course

The purpose of the IRCT Basic Course is to prepare you to respond effectively within the HHS framework when you deploy with an IRCT. The training materials and information in the IRCT Basic Course are intended to provide the analytical tools necessary for proper and effective coordination within the Federal government, within HHS, and within the IRCT. Key logistical responsibilities, including travel procedures, reimbursement, and equipment are explained to facilitate both deployment and demobilization tasks.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the IRCT Basic Course, students will be able to:

1. Recognize Federal government coordination systems and plans.
2. Identify the emergency support role of HHS in Federal disaster declarations or identify actions that can be taken by the HHS Secretary under its own authorities, which may be used during a Federal disaster declaration or a declaration of a public health emergency.
3. Understand HHS Headquarters management of day-to-day monitoring operations, emerging threats, and public health and medical emergencies.
4. Identify the HHS field management mechanism, including its reporting and command structure, scalability, positions and responsibilities, and interaction with Federal, State, and local officials.
5. Identify job aids, procedures, and paperwork for travel, reimbursement, equipment, and demobilization.
6. Understand how information is collected and reported.

Prerequisites

The following courses from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) must be completed *prior* to taking the IRCT Basic Course. When submitting your application, include documentation of successful course completion.

IS-100, Introduction to the Incident Command System

IS-200, ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents

IS-700, National Incident Management System (NIMS)

IS-800, National Response Plan (NRP), an Introduction

Length of Course

The IRCT Basic Course runs for four weeks. Expect to spend approximately 20 hours to complete the entire IRCT Basic Course.

Availability

The IRCT Basic Course is available 24 hours each day during the four weeks you are enrolled. You may log into the course at your convenience.