Calendar of Events

February 17, 2026
 - February 26, 2026

CERT Train-the-Trainer (K0428) Virtual Delivery
01:00 PM - 05:00 PM EST
NETC Admissions, 301-447-1035
netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov
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Course Description
This course prepares participants to deliver FEMA's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Training course. This Train-the-Trainer course focuses on preparing instructors to:

Deliver CERT Basic Training.
Convey the messages and intent of the CERT program (e.g., safety, teamwork, place in overall community Emergency Operations Plan).
Assure that participants achieve the objectives of CERT Basic Training.
Create a comfortable yet managed learning environment.

Course topics include:

CERT history, program purpose, and values.
Materials and requirements for the CERT Basic Training course.
Roles of the CERT instructor.
Effective presentation of CERT Basic Training content.
Effective coaching and demonstration of skills in the classroom.
Practices to maximize learning.
Effective evaluation of CERT training participants.

The learner must achieve a minimum passing score of 75% on final knowledge assessments or demonstrate mastery on performance assessments or research assignments to earn the IACET CEU.

Selection Criteria: Individuals who will serve as the Course Manager for the CERT Basic Training course and be CERT Basic Training course instructors.

February 26, 2026 **NCA General Membership Meeting**
06:00 PM - 07:00 PM EST
Samantha Royster,
samantha@nationalcert.org
Quarterly meeting for National CERT Association Members. Meeting will be held via Zoom. Please register to receive the meeting link.

Agenda:

Welcome from NCA Chair & NCA Leadership Introductions
Membership Updates
National CERT Conference Updates
National CERT Conference Webinars
CERT Program Highlight
NCA Resource Library Update

Future NCA General Membership Meetings will take place on:

May, 28, 2026
August 2026 during the National CERT Conference
November 19, 2026

March 3, 2026 - March 6, 2026	**CERT Program Manager (K0427) Virtual Delivery**

01:00 PM - 05:00 PM EST

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Course Description

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Planning and interacting with a broad range of stakeholders;
Managing program resources;
Sustaining the program course topics, including:
Developing local CERT program goals and a related strategic plan;
Promoting a local CERT program;
Orienting, managing, and retaining CERT members;
Recruiting, funding, managing, and retaining CERT trainers;
Acquiring and managing program resources;
Delivering and managing effective training and exercises;
Developing policies and procedures for operating a local CERT program; and
Evaluating and sustaining the program..

Course Objectives include:

Define the purpose and core components of a local CERT program.
Use strategic planning to define the mission and goals for a local CERT program.
Describe the purposes and strategies for promoting a local CERT program.
Establish a process for working with volunteers.
Establish a process for working with instructors.
Establish a process for acquiring and managing program resources.
Build a plan for delivering and managing safe training and exercises.
Describe the role of policies and procedures in operating a local CERT program.
Develop a process for evaluating a local CERT program.
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March 30, 2026 - April 1, 2026	**CERT Train-the-Trainer (E0428) - On-Campus Delivery** **Emergency Management Institute (EMI)/National Disaster & Emergency Management University (NDEMU** 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM EST NETC Admissions, 301-447-1035 netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov

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| April 2, 2026 | **CERT Program Manager (E0427) On-Campus Delivery** |
| - April 3, 2026 | **Emergency Management Institute (EMI)/ National Disaster & Emergency Management University (NDEMU** |

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Selection Criteria: Professionals and volunteers who are designated to be or are interested in being appointed a local CERT Program Manager and those who are already in the CERT Program Manager position.

April 7, 2026
 - April 10, 2026

CERT Program Manager (K0427) Virtual Delivery
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May 14, 2026	**NCA State Coordinators' Meeting** 03:00 PM - 04:30 PM EST Don Sowers, statecert@nationalcert.org *Quarterly meeting for State & Tribal CERT Coordinators. Meeting will be held via Zoom.*

| May 19, 2026 | **CERT Program Manager (K0427) Virtual Delivery** |
| - May 22, 2026 | 01:00 PM - 05:00 PM EST |

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| May 28, 2026 | **NCA General Membership Meeting** |

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM EST

Samantha Royster,

samantha@nationalcert.org

Quarterly meeting for National CERT Association members. Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

August 3, 2026
 - August 5, 2026

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| August 6, 2026 | **CERT Program Manager (E0427) On-Campus Delivery** |
| - August 7, 2026 | **Emergency Management Institute (EMI)/ National Disaster & Emergency Management University (NDEMU** |

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August 24, 2026	**2026 National CERT Conference**
- August 29, 2026	**Hyatt Regency Irvine**
	17900 Jamboree Road
	Irvine, CA 92614

09:00 AM - 05:00 PM PST
Save the date for the 2026 National CERT Conference in Irvine, California! Information about registration and additional details about the conference will be announced as the date gets closer.

August 25, 2026 - August 28, 2026	**CERT Program Manager (K0427) Virtual Delivery** 01:00 PM - 05:00 PM EST NETC Admissions, 301-447-1035 netcadmissions@fema.dhs.gov ****This course is not hosted by the National CERT Association. This event is posted to create awareness of CERT Program Manager course available through EMI.**** *Course Description* *This course prepares participants to establish and sustain an active local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The responsibilities of a local CERT Program Manager are various. This course defines the core components of a local CERT program and focuses on effective practices for:*

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