

Geriatric Education for EMS (GEMS)

OVERVIEW

Nearly 40% of EMS calls involve geriatric patients, and this number continues to rise. This course is designed to prepare EMS practitioners to assess and care for the rapidly growing population of older adults.

Geriatric Education for EMS is an 8 hour interactive, scenario-based course that blends lecture, discussion and hands on skills. GEMS provides a comprehensive approach to understanding age related changes, recognizing subtle presentations and delivering effective, compassionate care.

The curriculum uses the **GEMS Diamond**—Geriatric, Environmental, Medical and Social factors—to guide holistic assessment and treatment.

Topics include:

- Age related physiologic changes
- Polypharmacy and toxicity
- Respiratory, cardiac, neurologic and other medical emergencies
- Trauma in older adults
- Elder maltreatment and psychosocial emergencies
- End of life and palliative care
- Disaster triage and transport considerations
- LVADs, ventilators, urinary catheters, colostomy care and ICDs

PRE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to prepare in advance to support a fast paced learning environment.

1. Non- Employees must purchase the required textbook and course manual.

CLASS DATES/LOCATION

Located in Chico, CA. Each date listed is a separate class.

- **Apr. 22, 2026 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- **Jul. 17, 2026 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- **Nov. 30, 2026 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

FEES

- **Registration:** \$35
- **Required book:** GEMS Course Manual (approx. \$30)

REGISTRATION

Register at: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/EnloeHealth1/GEMSCourseEnrollment>

CANCELLATION POLICY

Students who do not attend or who cancel less than seven days before the course will forfeit their registration fee. Courses with fewer than five pre registrants may be canceled with seven days' notice.

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CEs are provided by NAEMT upon successful course completion.

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