



Age Requirements for Aerie Courses

Aerie Backcountry Medicine has minimum age requirements for our various course types. The length of class and depth of curriculum influence at what minimum age a student may enter one of Aerie's courses.

Our courses contain topics and discussions that revolve around the most sensitive of topics: how to care for those who are mortally injured or ill and how to address situations in which a person has died. Each person processes these considerations differently, including younger students. Coping mechanisms, maturity levels, and previous exposure to medical topics can widely vary among student groups younger than 18. One of Aerie's end goals is to facilitate an educational experience that is appropriate for all our students.

EMT, Wilderness EMT, and SWM Programs:

Students may be 17 at the beginning of the course, however must be 18 upon completion of the course. The State of Montana and the National Registry of EMTs will not license or certify those younger than 18. Those 17 or younger must complete the Minor Student Waiver, linked below.

Wilderness First Responder (WFR):

Students 16 to 17 years old may take this course with signed parental consent via the Minor Student Waiver. Students 14 to 15 years old may be considered if a parent or guardian is present throughout the entire duration of the class.

Wilderness First Aid (WFA), Wilderness Advanced First Aid (Wafa):

Students 14 to 17 years old may take this course with signed parental consent via the Minor Student Waiver. Students younger than 14 years old may be considered if a parent or guardian is present throughout the entire duration of the class.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Aid, Wilderness Medicine Essentials (WME):

Students 12 to 17 years old may take this course with signed parental consent via the Minor Student Waiver. Students younger than 12 years old may be considered if a parent or guardian is present throughout the entire duration of the class.

Any student who is younger than 18 years old, at any point in the course, must have a parent or guardian complete, sign, and return this [Minor Student Waiver](#) before the course begins. If this form is not completed by the start of class, Aerie is not able to accommodate the student's attendance for the entire course.



Exceptions to the above requirements may be considered on a case-by-case basis by an Aerie Manager or Director.

For additional information or for clarification, please contact our main office at info@aerimed.com or 406-542-9972.

