

# CERT Coming This Fall to Concord-Carlisle Community Adult Education

## Some MA towns with CERT programs:

Acton  
Adams  
Agawam  
Arlington  
Ashburnham  
Auburn  
Bedford  
Belmont  
Berkley  
Beverly  
Blackstone  
Boylston  
Braintree  
Bristol  
Brockton  
Brookfield  
Brookline  
Charlton  
Chicopee  
Dartmouth  
Devens  
Dracut  
E. Brookfield  
E. Longmeadow  
Easthampton  
Egremont  
Everett  
Fall River  
Fitchburg  
Franklin  
Grafton  
Halifax  
Hampshire  
Hanover  
Hatfield  
Hingham  
Holden  
Holyoke  
Hubbardston  
Huntington  
Ipswich  
Leominster  
Lincoln  
Longmeadow  
Lowell  
Mansfield  
Marlboro  
Marshfield  
Melrose  
Mendon  
Middleborough  
New Bedford

Our town prepares for everyday emergencies. However, some situations may overwhelm the Town's immediate response capability, so that there could be delays in getting to those who need help. The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** program educates citizens about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our area. The goal is to enable you to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors, and workmates while waiting for help, and to do it effectively and efficiently without placing yourself or others in unnecessary danger.

CERTs complement and enhance first-responder capabilities in neighborhoods and workplaces. CERT training includes fire safety, emergency preparedness, team organization, and disaster medical operations. As a trained CERT member, first you help to ensure your own safety and that of your family. Then, you can expand your work outward to your neighborhood or office and beyond, offering help until first-responders arrive. CERTs can also support Town emergency operations in a community shelter, medical reserve teams, and amateur and neighborhood radio teams..



Anyone can benefit from CERT training, as long as you are over 18 years of age and attend the training classes. By taking the training you will gain an understanding of how a CERT functions and how you can help at a time of critical need. Some of what you learn will also be useful for everyday emergencies.

CERTs are about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number. CERTs are a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where, as residents or workers, you and your neighbors or co-workers will initially be on your own, and your actions can make all the difference. (see [www.CitizenCorps.gov/cert](http://www.CitizenCorps.gov/cert) for more info)

For training in Concord, contact Adult & Community Education at [adulthood@colonial.net](mailto:adulthood@colonial.net) or 978-318-1540, or go to [ace.colonial.net](http://ace.colonial.net) and browse the catalog, choosing the "First Aid, CPR, AED, Safety, Preparedness" category, to course #383.

The course costs \$15 and consists of six 3-hour weeknight sessions plus a 4-hour weekend exercise, starting Oct 16 and ending Nov 18.

**Class nights: Mondays and Thursdays, 7-10 pm  
Oct 16, 19, 23, 30, Nov 2, 9**

**Exercise: Saturday Nov 18 – 9:30 am - 1:30 pm**

## More MA towns with CERT programs:

Newburyport  
N. Brookfield  
Northampton  
Northborough  
Norton  
Oakham  
Orleans  
Oxford  
Palmer  
Petersham  
Plymouth  
Provincetown  
Quincy  
Reading  
Rehoboth  
Rockland  
Rowley  
Russell  
Sandisfield  
Scituate  
Seekonk  
Sheffield  
Shrewsbury  
Somerville  
Southbridge  
Southwick  
Spencer  
Sterling  
Stockbridge  
Sturbridge  
Upton  
Uxbridge  
Walpole  
Warren  
Wayland  
Wellesley  
W. Boylston  
W. Springfield  
Westfield  
Westport  
Whitman  
Wilmington  
Winthrop  
Woburn  
Worcester  
Yarmouth

In addition, there are numerous regional and country-wide CERTs