Licensed Guide Equivalent Courses

The following lists indicate the different classes that can be utilized to obtain certifications in CPR, First Aid, and Water Safety. These certifications are required to become a Licensed Guide.

Suggested First Aid Courses

On-line Certification Courses are not accepted, with the exception of the American Red Cross or American Heart Association Blended Courses.

- American Health Association
- American Heart Association
- American Safety & Health Institute
- ARC Community First Aid & Safety
- ARC First Aid/CPR
- ARC First Aid Training for First Responders
- ARC Preventing Disease Transmission
- ARC Responding to Emergencies
- ARC Sports Safety Training
- Canadian Red Cross First Aid
- Combat Lifesavers Course Dept. of the Army
- COYNE First Aid
- Emergency Care & Basic Life Support Course Emergency Medical Training Association
- Emergency Care and Safety Institute
- Emergency First Response
- Emergency Medical Technician NYS Department of Health
- Emergency Skills, Inc. ALIVE! Course
- First Aid for Coaches State Education Department
- First Responder in Winter Survival & Basic First Aid & CPR (Canada)
- L’Ambulance Saint-Jean (Canada)
- Licensed Nurse
- Licensed Physician
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Mariners First Aid
- Mariners First Aid and CPR
- Medic First Aid
- National Outdoor Leadership School
- National Safety Council
- Outdoor Emergency Care National Ski Patrol
- PADI - Medic First Aid
- Sirius Wilderness Medicine Outdoor Leaders; Valid for 2 years
- Swiftwater Rescue (WMA)
- US Coast Guard Emergency Response Educators
- Wilderness First Aid
- Wilderness First Responder
- Wilderness Medicine Supply (SOLO)
- Wilderness Medical Training Center: WFA, WAFA, WFR, WEMT
- Wilderness Medical Institute
- Wilderness Rescue International
Suggested CPR Courses

On-line Certification Courses are not accepted, with the exception of the American Red Cross or American Heart Association Blended Courses

- American Heart Association CPR
- American Safety & Health Institute
- ARC CPR: Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer
- ARC CPR or First Aid/CPR
- ARC Community First Aid and Safety
- ARC 1st Aid - Responding to Emergencies
- Canadian Red Cross First Aid w/CPR
- COYNE First Aid
- CPR for Coaches State Education Department
- Emergency Care and Safety Institute
- Emergency First Response
- Emergency Medical Technician NYS Dept. of Health
- First Responder Basic First Aid and CPR
- First Responder NYS Health Department
- L'Ambulance Saint-Jean (Canada) (CPR)
- Licensed Physician
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Licensed Nurse
- Mariners CPR
- Medic First Aid
- National Outdoor Leadership School
- National Safety Council
- Sirius Wilderness Medicine Outdoor Leaders
- Wilderness First Responder (must have separate CPR card)
- Wilderness Med. Training Assoc. Emergency Care & Basic Life Support
- Wilderness Medical Training Center: WFA, WAFA, WFR, WEMT
- Wilderness Rescue International
Online Courses are not acceptable

If you are having difficulty locating a Water Safety Course, please contact the NYS Guides Association. They offer course at various times and locations throughout the State: info@nysoga.org

- American Canoe Association Instructor Card
- ARC Advanced Lifesaving
- ARC Basic Water Rescue & Small Craft Safety
- ARC Emergency Water Safety
- ARC Lifeguard Course
- ARC Lifeguard Instructor
- ARC Swimming Instructor
- ARC Water Safety Instructor
- ARC Water Safety Today
- Boy Scout Lifeguard
- Boy Scout Safe Swim Defense
- Boy Scout Water Safety Instructor
- Commercial Diving Institute Whitestone, NY
- Connecticut Boating Safety
- Maryland Boating Safety
- Michele Krak, Water Safety Instructor: 315-684-7659 Madison County, NY
- New Jersey Boating Safety
- NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control Water Rescue Awareness
- NYS Outdoor Guides Association Alan Woodruff, Water Safety Instructor Woodgate, NY 315-392-4592
- New York Boating Safety
- PADI - Rescue Diver
- Pennsylvania Boating Safety
- Professional River Guides Assoc. of West Virginia
- Rescue 3 International
- Sirius Wilderness Medicine, Canada
- SOLO
- Sullivan County Emergency Services Training Center - Water Rescue Awareness
- Survival Swimming by Canadian Red Cross Society
- Swiftwater Rescue by NASAR, WMA
- The Royal Life Saving Society (Canada) Bronze Medallion
- U.S.C.G. License
- Wilderness First Responder National Outdoor Leadership School (ONLY)
- Wilderness Medical Assoc. Bridge (WAFA-WFR) (ONLY)
- YMCA Aquatic Personal Safety and Survival Course
- YMCA Safety Class
White Water Training Programs and/or Basic Water Safety

- Adirondack Rafting Company
  Lake Placid, NY
  518-523-1635

- Adirondack River Outfitters
  Old Forge, NY
  315-369-3536
  315-580-2718

- Adventure Calls
  Castile NY
  585-343-4710

- Adventure Sports Rafting
  Indian Lake, NY
  518-648-5812

- AE Adventures
  Turin, NY
  315-316-1125

- Hudson River Rafting Co.
  North Creek, NY
  518-321-5437

- Sacandaga Outdoor Center
  Hadley NY
  518-696-5710

- Square Eddy Expeditions
  North Creek, NY
  518-251-5200

- Three Rivers Whitewater
  The Forks, ME
  207-663-2104

- WILDWATERS
  Warrensburg, NY
  800-867-2335

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