

Section 5: Appendix

GEMS ALS Course Fact Sheet

Course	Geriatric Education for Emergency Medical Services (GEMS) Advanced Life Support (ALS) Course
Length	9 hours and 30 minutes excluding breaks and lunch
Intended Audience	Professionals currently serving as Advanced Life Support (ALS) providers (ie, EMT-Intermediates, EMT-Paramedics, and higher), but other levels may be admitted at the Course Coordinator's discretion
Lectures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging • Changes with Age • Communicating with Older People and Their Caregivers • Assessment of the Older Patient • End-of-Life Care Issues • Trauma, Musculoskeletal Disorders, and Falls • Neurological Emergencies and Altered Mental Status • Respiratory and Cardiovascular Emergencies • Elder Abuse and Neglect • Pharmacology and Medication Toxicity Emergencies • Psychiatric Emergencies
Scenarios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Challenges • Do Not Resuscitate Orders • Stroke • Medications Interactions • Dementia vs. Delirium • Elder Abuse and Neglect
Skills Practiced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting a Patient Assessment Interview • Immobilization
Materials	Each participant is required to have a copy of the GEMS Textbook.
Successful Completion	<p>Participants who successfully complete the GEMS ALS course will receive a GEMS Course Completion Card, valid for two years. To successfully complete the course, the participant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the entire course • Successfully complete a 25-item, multiple-choice exam with a score of 80% (20 correct out of 25 questions)