

Section 5: Appendix

GEMS BLS Course Fact Sheet

Course	Geriatric Education for Emergency Medical Services (GEMS) Basic Life Support (BLS) Course
Length	8 hours excluding breaks and lunch
Intended Audience	Professionals currently serving as Basic Life Support (BLS) providers (ie, First Responders and EMT-Basics)
Lectures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging • Changes with Age • Communicating with Older People and Their Caregivers • Assessment of the Older Patient and Pharmacology • End-of-Life Care Issues • Trauma, Musculoskeletal Disorders, and Falls • Neurological Emergencies and Altered Mental Status • Respiratory and Cardiovascular Emergencies • Elder Abuse and Neglect
Scenarios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Challenges • Do Not Resuscitate Orders • Stroke • Medication 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 BLS 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 20-item, multiple-choice exam with a score of 80% (16 correct out of 20 questions)