

Expeditionary Combat Skills, Frequently Asked Questions

This FAQ list does not release you of the responsibility of reading your orders in their entirety.

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Expeditionary Combat Skills / NCTC Gulfport QD (228) 871-2132.

1. What are the course prerequisites?

This course has been designated High-Risk IAW NETCINST 1500.13 (series). All students must present a completed High Risk Student Medical Screening Form (NETC 1500/5) and PARFQ on the first day of class. The completed forms shall be signed by competent medical authority and must be completed within thirty days prior to attending High-Risk training. Non-compliance may result in a drop from training due to safety reasons. Students answering "YES" to questions 1-7 on the NETC 1500/5 form require a decision regarding suitability for participation in High-Risk training by appropriate health care provider.

Students must NOT be in a "Light or Limited" duty status. Female students may not attend the course if they are pregnant. Students may not be on any type of medication that causes drowsiness, dizziness, visual disturbances, decreased muscle coordination, or decreased motor function.

Students must not have a record of domestic violence convictions or pending charges, you will be required to complete DD Form 2760 (Lautenberg Agreement) on the first day of the course.

Training is intense and physically demanding. Students should expect a high rate of physical exertion during the practical applications (LABS) in varying temperature environments.

2. What uniforms do I need for the course?

The only uniform required for ECS is the Navy Working Uniform, NWU, either Type I or Type III.

It is highly recommended that you bring two (2) pairs of broken-in boots with you.

October through March attendees are highly encouraged to bring cold/wet weather uniform items with them. In addition, a seasonal Dress Uniform (whites or blues) should be brought with you.

3. What are the required items to bring for the course?

Each student should bring the following items: PT uniforms and running shoes (PT will be on your own time), any current medications that they are prescribed, glasses if required (contact lenses are not authorized during training but may be worn while on liberty), pad lock, civilian attire, towels, shower shoes and toiletries. Bring a back pack appropriate for wear with the NWU uniform. All required Individual Combat Equipment (ICE) gear and PPE will be issued by the schoolhouse.

4. What are the recommended items to bring for the course?

A large portion of the training is conducted in the field. Plan accordingly for meals and snacks.

Read your orders carefully to determine if you will receive Rations In Kind or Proportional Meal Rate (PMR). Officers rarely qualify for Rations In Kind and will need to provide all meals during ECS.

October through March attendees are highly encouraged to bring cold/wet weather uniform items with them.

Recommend two (2) pairs of broken-in boots authorized for wear with your NWU uniform.

Shooting gloves are authorized and encouraged but not provided by the schoolhouse. They need not be expensive.

ANSI Z87.1 rated sunglasses. Clear eye protection will be provided.

ECS Range Safety Officers will approve all shooting gloves and eye protection.

Recommend sunscreen and insect repellent.

5. What is the berthing situation?

Berthing for students:

E-1 thru E-6:

Government quarters are directed and provided at no-cost for students in pay grades E-6 and below. Reservations are not required. Report to Building 309B for room assignment.

E-7 thru O-6:

Government quarters are directed when available for personnel E-7 and above. Report to Building 313 (Navy Gateway Inns and Suites Registration) for room assignment. Contact Gulfport NGIS for ECS lodging reservations at (228) 822-5234 or 1-877-NAVYBED (628-9233). NGIS front desk is (228) 871-2505. If government quarters are not available a Certificate of Non-Availability (CNA) will be issued for lodging in town. **Rental Cars:** You must contact your detailer to determine if you are authorized a rental car on your orders, don't just assume that you are.

7. Where do I report?

E-6 and below: Report to Building 309B first (room assignment), then Bldg 317B (orders endorsement).

E-7 and above: Report to Building 313 NGIS first (room assignment), then Bldg 317B (orders endorsement).

Naval Construction Training Command (NCTC) provides administrative support to ECS and will endorse your orders and provide muster information. NCTC Quarter Deck is located in Building 317B, near the corner of Marvin Shields Blvd and Moreell Ave. GPS users enter N30°22.44 W089°07.43 (30.374615 -89.126037). NCTC QD number is (228) 871 2132. NCTC CDO number is (228) 731-7418.

Muster on class days will occur at 0630 in the courtyard outside of the ECS Barracks, Bldg 317.

The Main Gate is located just west of US Highway 49 on Pass Road.

- From I-10 take Exit 34A (US Highway 49 south) toward Gulfport. Continue of US Highway 49 approximately 4 miles to Pass Road. Turn right onto Pass Road for approximately 0.5 mile. This will bring you directly to the Pass Road Gate and the Visitor's Center.
- From Highway 90 take US Highway 49 north approximately 1 mile. Turn left of Pass Road for approximately 0.5 mile. This will bring you directly to the Pass Road Gate and the Visitor's Center.

If you plan to fly into the area, there are three possible options:

- New Orleans International Airport (approximately 90 miles away)
- Mobile Alabama Regional Airport (Bates Field) (approximately 75 miles away)
- Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport (approximately 15 minutes away)

If traveling via commercial air transportation, upon arrival to Gulfport students must take a cab to NCBC Gulfport (approximately \$15.00 cost). When contacting a local cab company student must confirm that the cab driver has access to NCBC Gulfport. Some drivers cannot get onto the installation and you may end up walking from the front gate (approximately 1.5 miles) to NCTC QD if you do not check first.

8. What will I learn in the Expeditionary Combat Skills course?

ECS provides basic, individual expeditionary combat training necessary to professionally and safely perform high-risk security operations when assigned to Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) Organizations.

Week 1 – Land Navigation and Combat First Aid

Week 2 – Handgun Marksmanship and Combat Shooting

Week 3 – Rifle Marksmanship and Combat Shooting

Week 4 – Convoy / IED Fundamentals and Judgment-Based Engagement Training