

First Aid and CPR Requirements for the Initial Certification of Michigan Teachers

- State legislation passed in June, 2003, (Section 1531d of the Revised School Code), requires that candidates recommended for teacher certification after July 1, 2004, must have completed coursework in first aid and CPR.
- The course(s) **MUST** include **first aid, adult CPR, AND child CPR.**
- The coursework **MUST** be taken through one of the following suppliers that has been **approved** by the Michigan Department of Education:

American Heart Association (AHA)
American Red Cross (ARC)
American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) *
Medic First Aid (MFA) *

- Teacher preparation institutions may offer AHA, ARC, ASHI, or MFA coursework if their instructors are certified by one of the approved suppliers and teacher candidates are given official ARC, AHA, ASHI, or MFA cards that indicate they have successfully completed the course requirements. HCR 119 and HCR 120 are UM-Flint courses that meet these requirements.
- Online courses are **NOT** acceptable according to the Michigan Department of Education since learning first aid and CPR requires demonstration and practice.
- Teacher candidate students must provide the actual, original card(s) to the University of Michigan-Flint Education Department for photocopying. The Education Department will then keep a photocopy of the card(s) in the students' academic records files, and the original card(s) will be returned to the students. **Please make sure you have signed the back of the card(s), in addition to the instructor's signature.**
- First aid/CPR certification is **only valid for a specified period of time, and the course completion card(s) received will have expiration date(s) on them, very possibly one year from the date it was issued**, depending on which course is taken. Plan to take the course(s) so that your first aid/CPR certification is **current and valid at the time you are recommended for certification. PLEASE NOTE that teacher certification recommendations are processed to the Michigan Department of Education about SIX weeks after UM-Flint graduation dates.** Students who have taken a course, but whose first aid/CPR certification has expired, will be required to renew that certification in order to be recommended for their teaching certification.
- A list of the MDE-approved courses is available in the Education Department, 430 French Hall, or at the following website:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/CPRProvidersC_A_8.31.07_207216_7.doc

* Newly-approved providers