

Leadership - Questions and Answers

1. Do I need to finish all of the learn to swim levels before I register in Bronze Medallion?

No, candidates do not need to complete all learn to swim levels prior to registering for Bronze Medallion. For candidates approaching 13 years of age, focus should be placed physical fitness, endurance and basic first aid competency as considerations for whether or not to finish all the learn to swim levels.

2. What are optional courses?

The Assistant Instructor award is optional. However, highly encouraged as the course focuses on an introduction to key principles of learning and teaching while mastering basic learn to swim progressions. This additional learning opportunity would be beneficial as an additional step in the certification process and/or to support while volunteering with learn to swim lessons.

3. Do I need to take National Lifeguard before the Swim & Lifesaving/EFA Instructor? What is the order I should take them?

There is no specific order in which to take the National Lifeguard or Swim & Lifesaving/EFA Instructor. This decision would be based on the candidate's schedule, course availability and how the candidate has outlined their certification plan.

4. Do prerequisites need to be current?

Prerequisites DO NOT need to be current to meet Lifesaving Society course requirements. Ensure you read the course description on activemississauga.ca prior to registering to properly prepare for the course. Certifications need to be current to apply for employment.

5. If I took Bronze Cross and it is expired, do I need to take the whole course over again?

No, you do not need to retake the entire course. Similar to Bronze Medallion and National Lifeguard, Bronze Cross expires after 24 months. Candidates have 2 options:

- Register for and attend a recertification, which is typically 4-6hrs in length. Visit activemississauga.ca to further inquire.
- Register for the next level, as *some* prerequisites need not be current. Visit activemississauga.ca to confirm exact prerequisites.

6. Do I need to have all of my certifications current? IE. Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross and National Lifeguard

No. Employers require the highest certification to be recerted every 2 years to be current. In the above example, employers would require only the National Lifeguard to be current.