WIRES

Rescue and Immediate Care Course

Information Pack

Course Description

This course introduces participants to the rescue and provision of first aid in Australian wildlife.
Topics covered in this course include:

- Work, Health & Safety
- Species Identification
- Common Rescue Scenarios
- Safe Handling Techniques
- First Aid
- Physical Examination
- Immediate Care

Entry Requirements

There are no educational prerequisites for this course; however due to WIRES License requirements, participants must be at least 18 years old to enrol.

To volunteer under the WIRES licence, you must not be a current member of another licensed wildlife organisation.

A reasonable level of fitness is beneficial to undertake the Practical Workshop component as activities will involve carrying out simulated rescue scenarios and may include heavy lifting.

Due to the nature of wildlife rehabilitation, emotional resilience is advantageous.

Course Access Requirements

Participants are required to have access to the internet in order to complete the online theory component and enrol into a workshop. If a participant does not have their own internet access, many public libraries provide this service. To find your local public library, please visit http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/public-library-services/about-public-library-services/find-public-library-nsw or call the NSW Public Library Services on (02) 9273 1624.
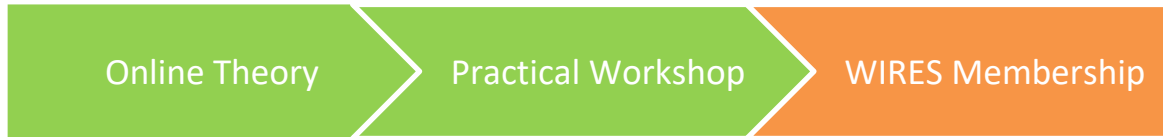
If you have any concerns accessing or participating in online training, please contact training@wires.org.au or call (02) 8977 3392.

Delivery Method and Course Outcomes

This course has two consecutive components.

1. Online Theory
2. Practical Workshop

Online Theory → Practical Workshop → WIRES Membership

Estimated Duration

The estimated duration of the online theory of the course is eight hours; however some participants may take more or less time to complete this section.

The practical workshop is one full day.

Participants are required to complete these components within 12 months of enrolment. Extensions may be granted upon request for extenuating circumstances.

Workshop Locations

WIRES workshops are run at various locations throughout NSW. Please note that workshops are held by region, not suburb, and some travel may be required. Please also be aware that there are limited places available in each workshop.

Fee Information

The full cost of the course is $125.00 and there are no concessions or discounts available.

Any person requiring a refund must do so in writing in accordance with the refund policy specified below.

Refund Policy

- WIRES will not provide refunds once a participant has commenced any part of the course.

- The WIRES refund policy is applicable only to the enrolment period for the course (12 months). Requests made after the enrolment period has concluded will not be considered.

- WIRES may need to cancel, postpone or reschedule workshops when necessary due to low enrolment numbers or extraordinary circumstances. If this occurs, the participant will be offered an alternate date and location within their enrolment period or a full refund.

- Participants that request to cancel their enrolment prior to commencing the course and still within the enrolment period may be eligible for a partial refund. Refund requests are assessed on an individual basis and will incur an administration fee of 20% of the course fees paid ($25).

Any refund requests must be in writing and be in accordance with the refund policy specified.

Written requests can be sent via email training@wires.org.au or post WIRES Training Team, PO Box 7276, Warringah Mall NSW 2100. Alternatively you can call (02) 8977 3392 to discuss your options with one of the WIRES Training Staff.