



Lori Thompson, EMS Educator, Nature Coast EMI Clinical Coordinator, Nature Coast EMS

Lori Thompson is the lead EMT instructor for the Nature Coast Emergency Medical Institute. She has been in the healthcare field for more than 20 years, serving in various roles.

In 1999, Lori started her career as a volunteer EMT with Lone Rock EMS in Lone Rock, Wisconsin. She attended Madison Area Technical College in Wisconsin to become a Paramedic, graduating in 2000 as a Nationally Registered Paramedic. Lori then obtained her Associate's in Science in EMS and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management.

Lori has numerous accreditations:

- AHA Instructor (ACLS, BLS, PAWS)
- PEPP Instructor
- ITLS Instructor
- Level A and B Instructor
- Operations Level Hazmat
- NAEMSE Cert Level 1
- CC Paramedic

Lori's professional career includes:

- 7 years as an EMS educator
- 7 years as a Critical Care Paramedic
- 17 years as a Nationally Registered Paramedic
- 5 years as a Nationally Registered EMT

Lori's certifications are all up-to-date and renewed. Lori's extensive training allows her to be a first responder to 911 calls and attend as a critical care paramedic (CCR) on specialty care transports.

She has been recognized by receiving the following awards:

- 2014-2015 EMT Instructor of the Year
- 2011 Ambulance Association Star of Life
- 2011 Paramedic of the Year, Inverness Veterans
- 2011 Paramedic of the Year, Rotary Club of Crystal River

Lori is a well-respected instructor who has a high passing rate in her classes. She has two primary training philosophies:

"Student, you do not study to pass the test. You study to prepare for the day when you are the only thing between a patient and the grave." Mark Reid, MD

"Our students may not always have the highest test scores, or always turn their assignments in on time, but in this classroom, they will learn from their mistakes and know the important of kindness and hard work. In my book, that's success." Anonymous