Registering for a FEMA SID, Obtaining FEMA Certificates and Navigating Blackboard

Registering/Retrieving a FEMA SID

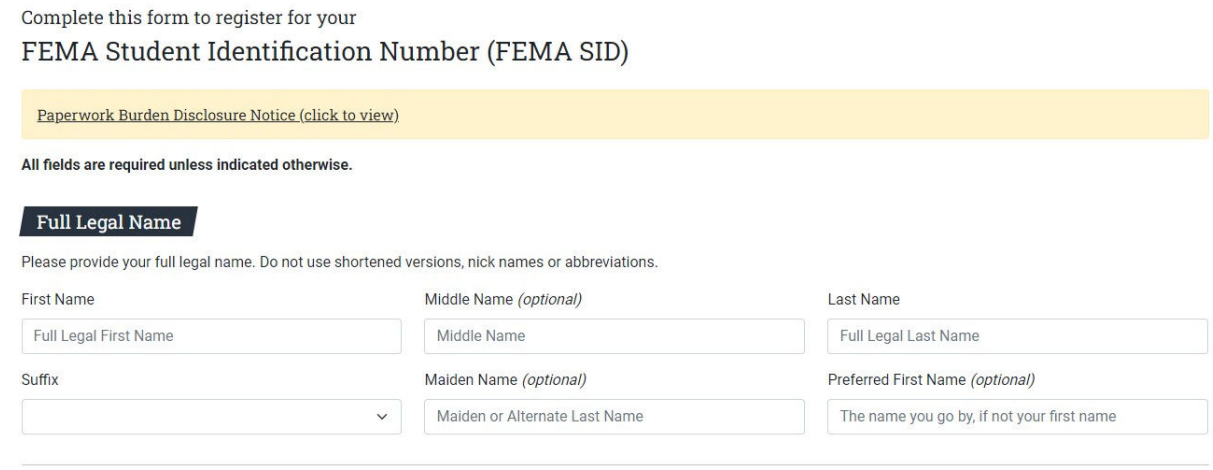
Before you can find your FEMA SID, you have to register for one. This process is straightforward and only requires basic personal information. Once you register for a FEMA SID, you will receive an email shortly after containing your SID number.

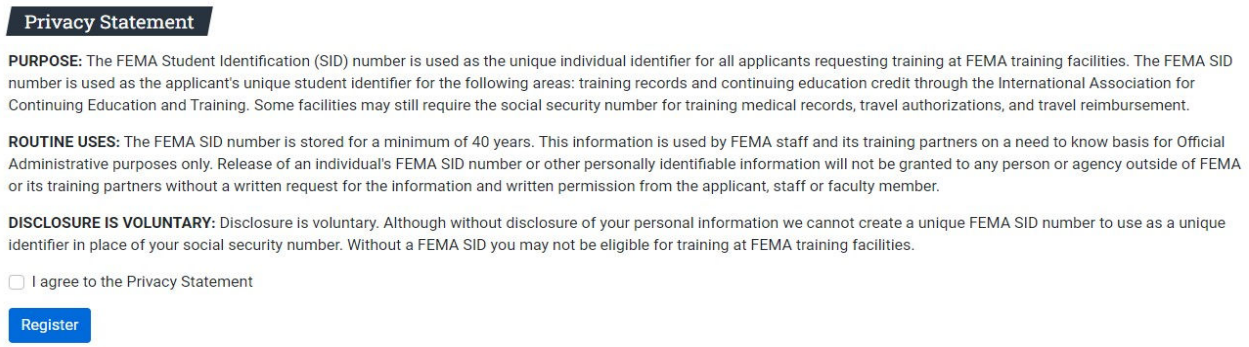
The Registration Process

Registering for a FEMA SID can be done through the FEMA Student Identification System website. Here's a step-by-step guide on how to go about it: cdp.dhs.gov/FEMASID

1. Visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency SID website.
2. Click on "Register for a FEMA SID."
3. Fill in your personal details, including full legal name, email, and security questions.
4. Click on the "Register" button.
5. Check your email for a confirmation message containing your FEMA SID.

Remember, only register for a Federal Emergency Management Agency SID **once**. If you forget your SID or password, there are ways to recover them.





How to Recover your FEMA SID?

If you already have a FEMA SID, but do not know your number, you may recover it by visiting the FEMA SID website and follow these steps:

1. Click on "Forgot your FEMA SID?"
2. Enter the email address associated with your FEMA SID.
3. Click "Submit."
4. Check your email for a message containing your FEMA SID.

The recovery process is immediate and requires only that you have access to the email account you used when registering your FEMA SID. If you do not receive this email, or unsure which email you used when registering for a FEMA SID, you will need to contact FEMA SID Help Desk by email or phone.

FEMA SID HELP DESK
Email: femasidhelp@cdpemail.dhs.gov
Phone: 866-291-0696

How to Reset Your Password?

In some cases, you might remember your FEMA SID but forget your password. Resetting your password follows a process similar to recovering your FEMA SID. Here's how to do it:

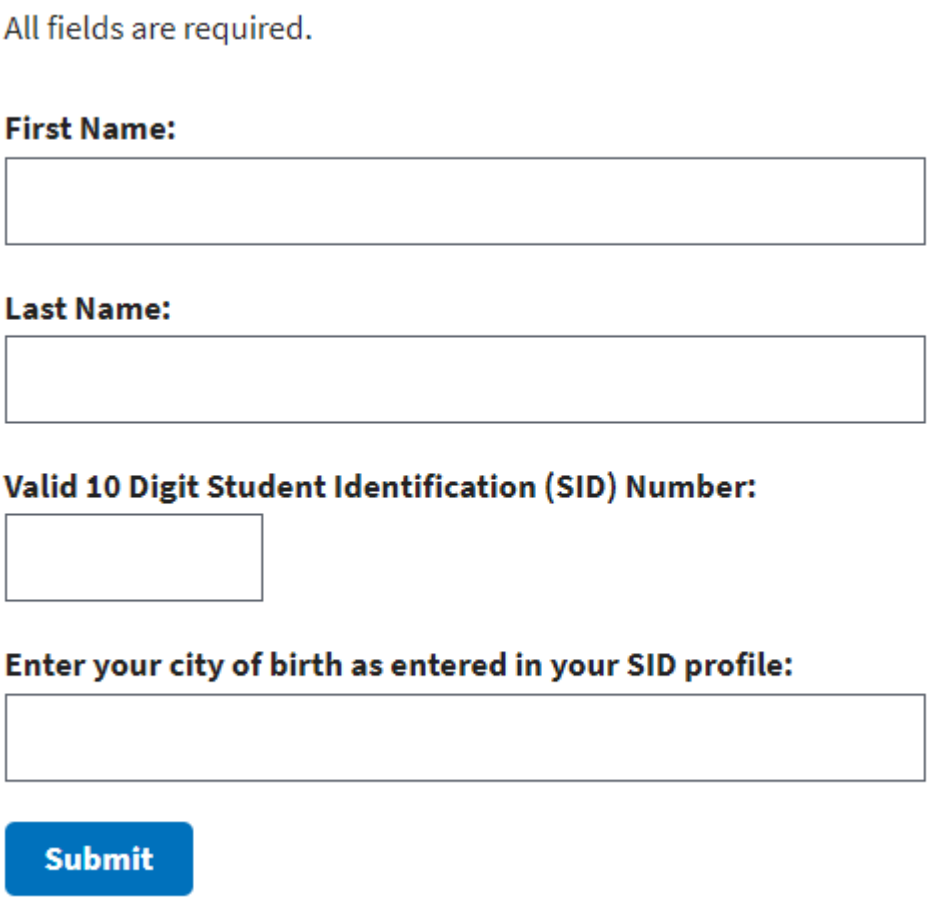
1. Visit the official website.
2. Select "Log in to FEMA SID"
3. Click on "Forgot your password?"
4. Enter your FEMA SID and your date of birth associated with it.
5. Click "Submit."
6. Check your email for a message with a link to reset your password.

Make sure to create a strong password and store it securely to prevent unauthorized access to your FEMA SID account.

Obtaining FEMA Certificates

If you have received a certificate for a course, but unable to find the certificate in your records, you may log into the EMI Student Portal. The EMI Student Portal allows you to print, or download, Independent Study (IS) Completion Certificates, Student IS Transcripts (for personal or employer use) and Official IS Transcripts (for educational institutions only). Once downloaded, you should keep a copy for your records. You may also upload the certificate and/or transcripts into Blackboard.

training.fema.gov/student/sssp.aspx



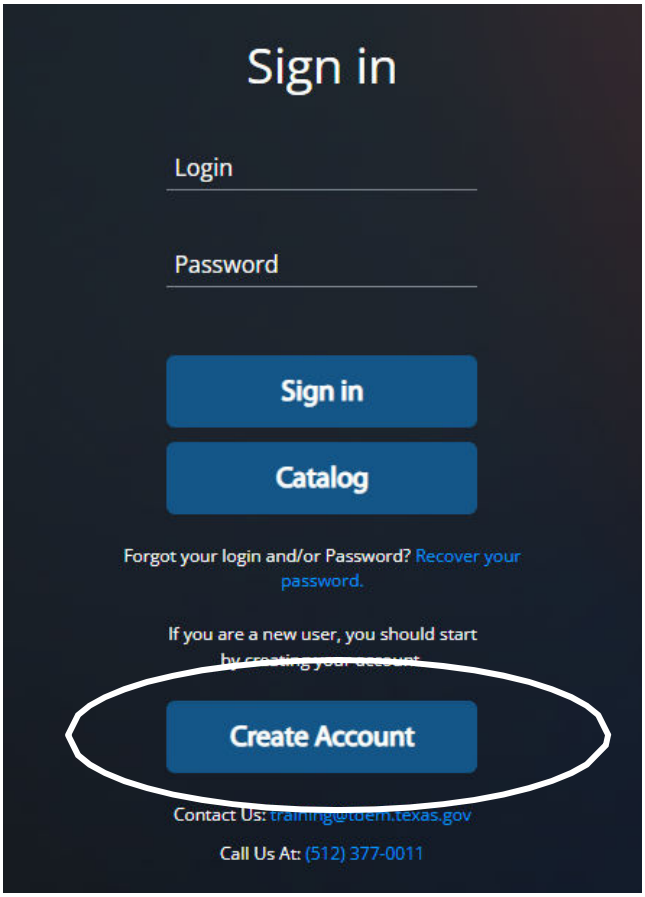
Creating a Blackboard Account

TDEM has officially moved from Preparing Texas to Blackboard! If you have not already done so, you will need to create a Blackboard Account in order to register for any upcoming courses. If you had your FEMA SID listed in your Preparing Texas account, your course transcript should have transferred over. If not, you will need to upload all certificates to Blackboard.

Creating an Account

REQUEST A NEW ACCOUNT: You will need to use the following link to **Create a New Account.** It may take up to 2 business days for account creation. You will receive a follow up email once your account is created.

tdem.geniussis.com/PublicWelcome.aspx



Logging into Account or Existing Account

Once your account has been activated, you may log into Blackboard here. Don't forget to bookmark this page! For first time log in, click "Recover Password" at the bottom of the login page. **Your username is your FEMA SID (including all zeros)** and your email is the email you used to create an account. Once you receive an email to reset password, follow the link; this will prompt you to change your password.

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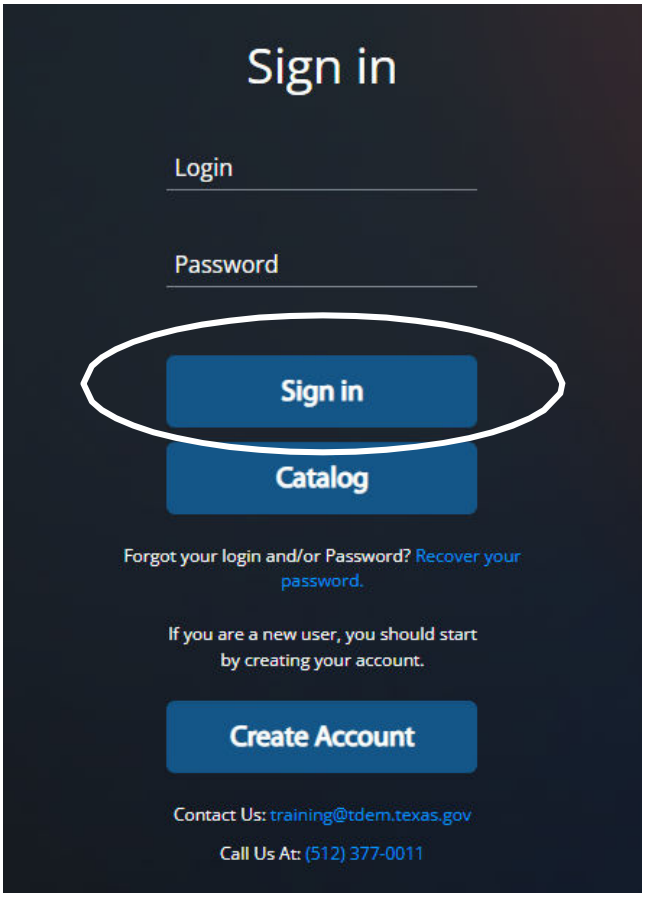
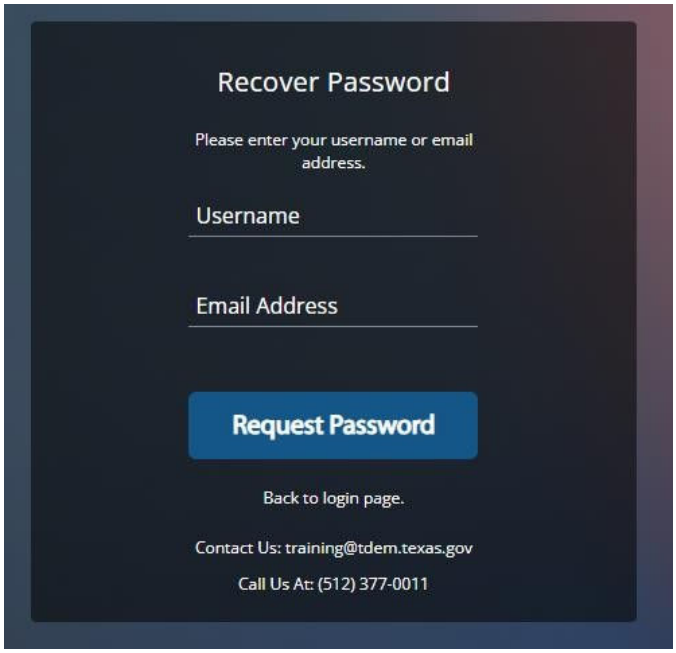
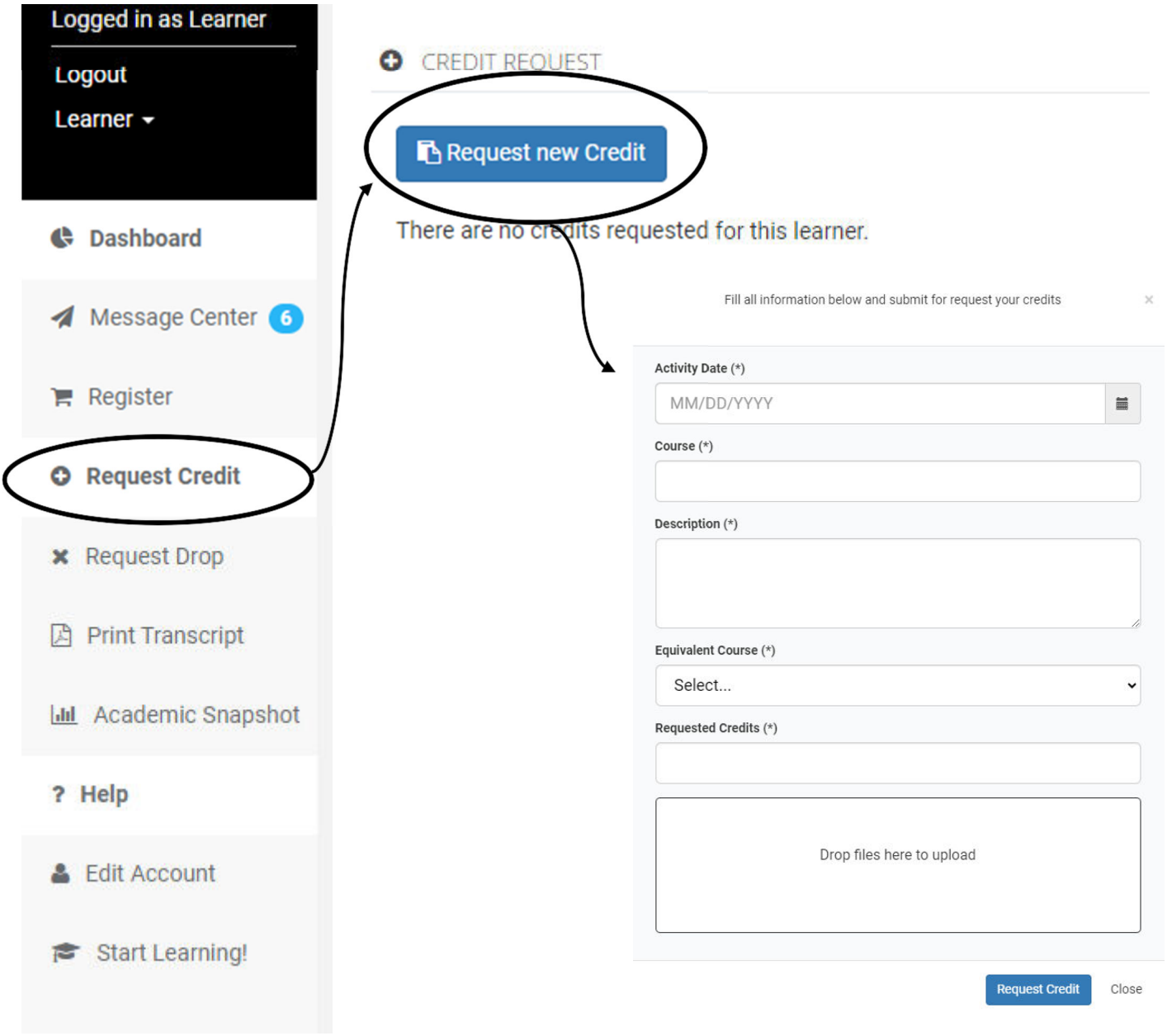




Uploading Certificates

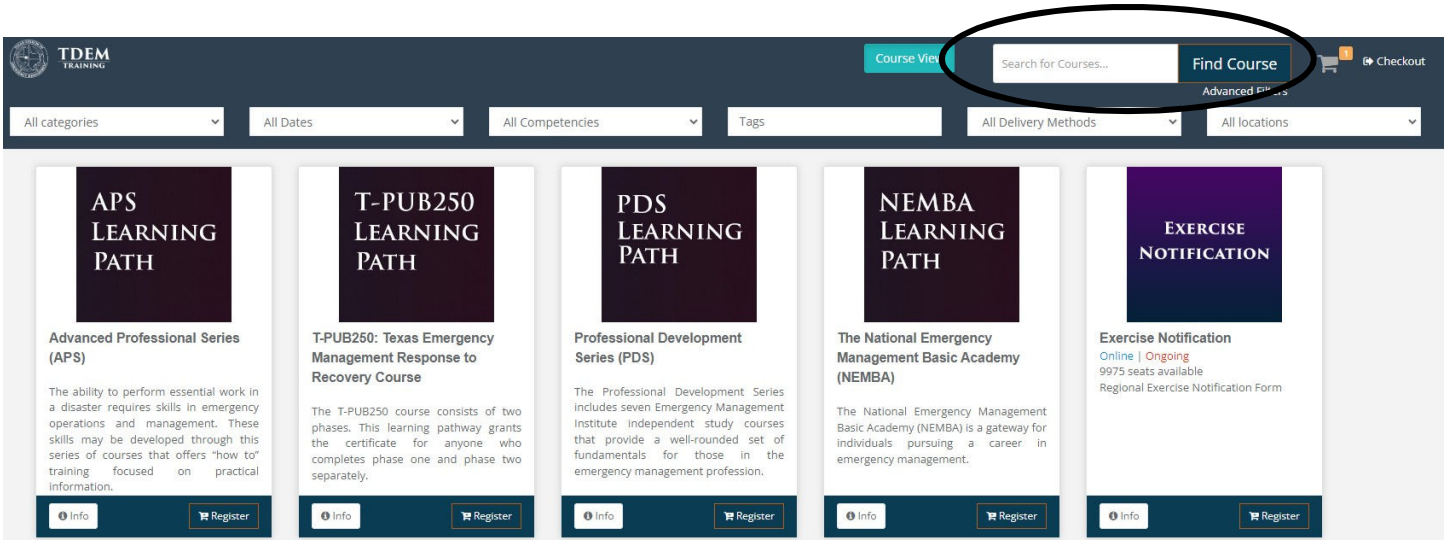
If you need to upload/submit certificates/prerequisites into Blackboard, you will need to login to your account then select “Request Credit” on the left-hand panel. Then select, “Request new Credit”.



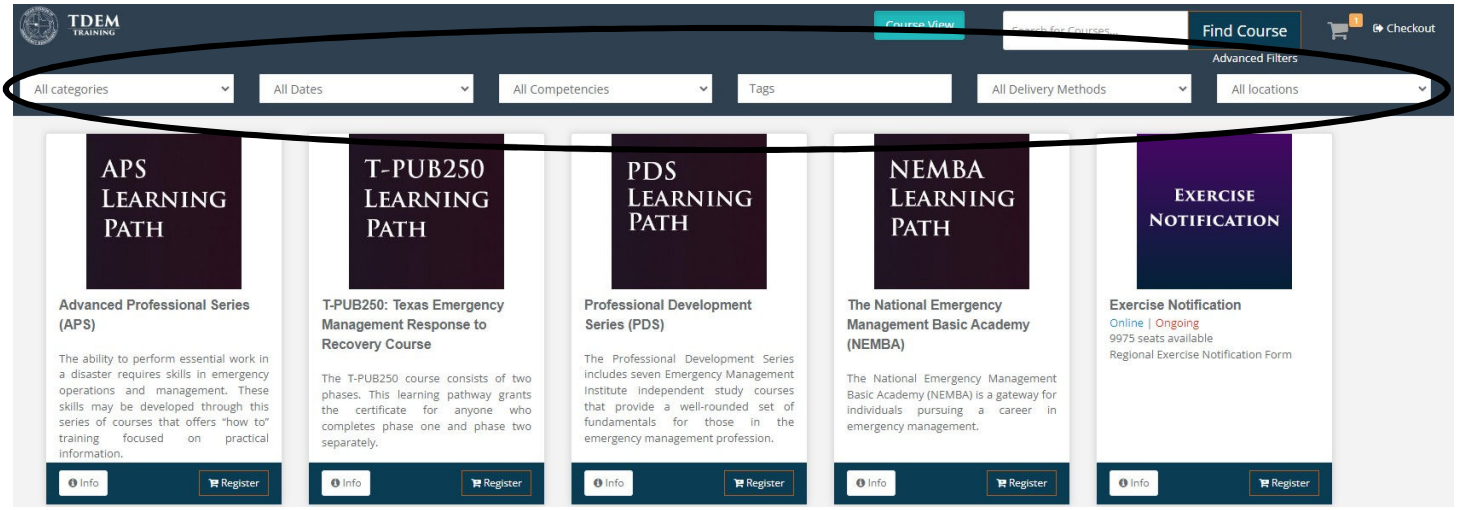
You will need to fill out all fields in full and check misspellings or the certificate will be denied. Also, please remember to attach the actual certificate to the request. **Please note TDEM will not accept transcripts.** Once the request is submitted, you will need to email **training@tdem.texas.gov** with your full name and FEMA SID so they can approve your certificates and move forward with registration.

Navigating Blackboard

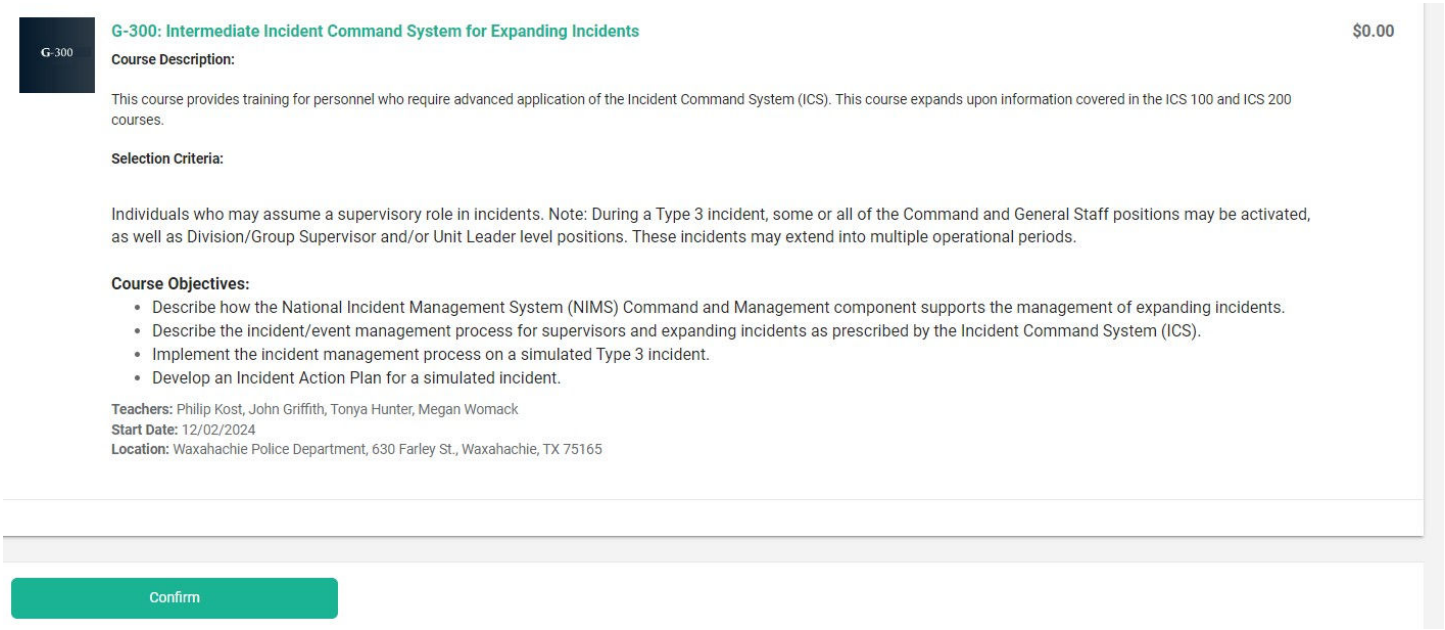
There are many ways to search for courses in Blackboard. If you're looking for a generic course without a specific location and/or date, you may search that course using the "search for Courses…" bar.



If you have a course with a specific date, location, delivery method then you may type the course in the search bar, as well as add tags to the search.



If you have a direct link to a course from an Instructor or your institution, you will need to log into your account prior to selecting the course link provided. Once logged in, click the direct link and it will take you to that course for you to register.



Once you register for the course, you will be automatically enrolled as long as you have all required prerequisites added in your account. If you do not have the required prerequisites, you will be denied and must complete prerequisites before you're approved to course.