


AHA Course Matrix

Courses for Healthcare Professionals

Course	Delivery Format	Content / Modules	Features & Benefits	Audience	Student Materials	Instructor Materials	Written Exam / Skills Session	Course Completion Card Type	Estimated Time	CME / CE Credit	Offered in Spanish
ADVANCED CARDIOVASCULAR LIFE SUPPORT (ACLS)											
ACLS	 Classroom-based (Instructor and video)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Rescuer CPR and AED use Science Overview (Update Course) Team Dynamics BLS and ACLS Surveys Immediate Post-Cardiac Arrest Care Airway Management/Respiratory Arrest Periarrest Rhythms (Tachycardia, Bradycardia) Arrest Rhythms (VF, PVT, PEA, Asystole) Acute Coronary Syndromes (ACS) Stroke Megacode treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasizes the importance of basic life support CPR to patient survival, the integration of effective basic life support with advanced cardiovascular life support interventions, and the importance of effective team interaction and communication during resuscitation Simulated clinical scenarios encourage active, hands-on participation through learning stations where students will practice essential skills individually, as part of a team, and as team leader. Realistic simulations reinforce the following key concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proficiency in basic life support care Recognizing and initiating early management of periarrest conditions Managing cardiac arrest Identifying and treating ischemic chest pain and acute coronary syndromes Recognizing other life-threatening clinical situations (such as stroke) and providing initial care ACLS algorithms Effective resuscitation team dynamics 	This course is for healthcare professionals who either direct or participate in the management of cardiopulmonary arrest or other cardiovascular emergencies. This includes personnel in emergency response, emergency medicine, intensive care and critical care units such as physicians, nurses, and paramedics, as well as others who need an ACLS course completion card for job or other requirements.	90-1014 <i>ACLS Provider Manual</i> (90-1014) Includes: ACLS Pocket Reference Card Set (90-1012) – also sold separately <i>Handbook of ECC for Healthcare Providers</i> recommended	<i>ACLS Instructor Manual</i> (90-1011) ACLS DVD (90-1009) Stopwatch OR ACLS Instructor Package (90-1041), Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACLS Provider Manual (90-1014) ACLS Instructor Manual (90-1011) 2 ACLS DVDs (90-1009) ACLS Posters (90-1013) ACLS Emergency Crash Cart Cards (90-1010) Stopwatch 	Written exam and skills test	ACLS course completion card	Full course: 11 hours, 45 minutes Update course, 6 hours, 15 minutes	Yes, AHA offers CE for EMS students through CECBEM S (www.cec.bems.org)	Yes