

Training Memo

ACLS EP Course Requirements

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Purpose To provide direction for conducting an ACLS EP Course. This information replaces all previous information released in the 2012 *Program Administration Manual*, US and International versions.

General Information The AHA has developed new ACLS EP Course materials that will aid in providing quality and consistency in all ACLS EP courses.

Effective **August 30, 2013**, only the new materials can be used for conducting all ACLS EP courses.

Prerequisites ACLS EP Course participants are expected to

- Be proficient in performing BLS and ACLS skills
- Be able to read and interpret ECGs
- Have an understanding ACLS pharmacology
- Regularly lead or participate in emergency assessment and treatment of prearrest, arrest, or postarrest patients
- Use key elements of critical thinking in processing information and data in development of the differential diagnosis and decision making for intervention and care

ACLS EP Course Completion Requirements For successful course completion, learners must actively participate in all case-based scenarios and must meet all current ACLS course completion requirements, including

1. Pass the ACLS Provider exam with a score of 84% or higher*
2. Pass the 1-rescuer CPR and AED skills test
3. Pass the bag-mask ventilation skills test
4. Pass the Megacode skills test

*The 2013 ACLS EP Course has an online key for the ACLS exam. See details in Training Center–Specific Information.

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2013 ACLS EP learners are expected to enter the course with solid knowledge of ACLS and the ACLS treatment algorithms. All learners must take the ACLS exam before entering the ACLS EP Course and course discussions.

The online ACLS exam is recommended to save time and ensure that the learner has the level of knowledge required to actively participate in the course. There is a course key that must be purchased.

If a Training Center chooses to issue a paper version of the exam, it must be completed **before** the ACLS EP Course and course discussions, and additional time will be needed for the exam and possible remediation. Learners who are unsuccessful in scoring 84% or higher cannot be allowed to continue the ACLS EP Course.