

Training Bulletin

ACLS EP Instructor Requirements

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Purpose To provide direction for the requirements to become or maintain status as an ACLS EP Instructor. This information replaces all previous information released in the 2012 *Program Administration Manual*, US and International versions.

General Information The AHA has developed new Instructor Course materials that will aid in providing quality and consistency in all instructor training. The ACLS EP Instructor status has been updated to reflect new materials.

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

Prerequisites An ACLS EP Instructor candidate must be able to

- Facilitate interactive, complex case discussions
- Encourage, engage, and provide feedback
- Use the ACLS EP Expanded Systematic Approach in discussion and case progression
- Model effective team dynamics and behaviors in case discussions and group interactions
- Manage complex discussions with multidisciplinary professionals in physiologic concepts, pathophysiology, pharmacology, electrophysiology, and related clinical management
- 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
Instructor
Requirements**

For successful course completion, an ACLS EP Instructor candidate must

1. Be a current and active AHA ACLS Instructor in good standing with his or her Training Center
2. Attend and successfully complete an AHA ACLS EP Provider Course, demonstrating effective performance in all 4 learning stations and the ACLS provider testing stations
3. Successfully complete the classroom ACLS EP Instructor Course
4. Be monitored teaching 1 of the ACLS EP stations by an ACLS EP Course Director or ACLS EP Training Center Faculty within 6 months of completing the classroom ACLS EP Instructor Course (Training Center Coordinators can require additional monitoring if needed)
5. Become proficient in 2 or more learning stations

**ACLS EP
Instructor
Status and
Renewal
Requirements**

Current ACLS EP Instructors

ACLS EP Instructors are expected to be proficient in ACLS materials and at leading discussions. The course content, teaching tools, and structure are completely new. All current ACLS EP Instructors will be required to take the 2013 ACLS EP Instructor Course as an update before teaching with the new materials.

ACLS EP Instructor Status Renewal

An ACLS EP Instructor must maintain AHA ACLS Instructor status as described in the *Program Administration Manual*, with **at least 1** of the required courses to be taught each year to be an ACLS EP course.

**ACLS EP
Course
Director
Requirements**

To become an ACLS EP Course Director, a candidate must

- Be a current, active ACLS EP Instructor
- Be a current ACLS Course Director
- Be proficient in teaching at least 2 of the 4 ACLS EP learning stations

The Course Director must be present throughout the course.

The ACLS EP Course Director does not need to be a physician. If one of the ACLS EP Instructors teaching the course is not a physician, an ACLS EP physician instructor must be available for consultation during the entire ACLS EP Course. The physician instructor does not need to be physically present.