

Training Memo: Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support for Experienced Providers (ACLS EP) Course Requirements



CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular Care

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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	<p>AHA has developed new ACLS EP Course materials that will aid in providing quality and consistency in all ACLS EP Courses.</p> <p>Effective July 31, 2017, only new, 2015 Guidelines materials can be used for conducting ACLS EP Courses.</p>
Prerequisites	<p>ACLS EP Course participants are expected to have the following skills and qualities. They must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 pre-arrest, arrest, or post-arrest patients • Use key elements of critical thinking in processing information, data in development of the differential diagnosis, and decision-making for intervention and care <p>ACLS EP Course participants must also pass the ACLS Provider exam with a score of 84% or higher to qualify for entry into an ACLS EP Course.</p>
ACLS EP Course Completion Requirements	<p>For successful course completion, learners must actively participate in all case-based scenarios and must meet all current ACLS course completion requirements including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pass the ACLS Provider exam with a score of 84% or higher* (prior to attending the ACLS EP Course) • Pass the High-Quality BLS skills test • Pass the bag-mask ventilation with OPA/NPA insertion skills test • Pass the Megacode skills test <p>*2015 Guidelines ACLS EP Course materials include an online key for the ACLS exam; please see details below in the TC-specific Information section.</p>
Training Center-Specific Information	<p>ACLS EP learners are expected to enter the course with solid knowledge of ACLS skills and treatment algorithms. Learners are required to take the ACLS Provider exam prior to entering and participating in the ACLS EP Course.</p> <p>The ACLS EP Online Exam is recommended to save time and ensure that the learner has the level of knowledge required to actively participate in the course. A course key must be purchased for this online exam. The online exam key can be provided to the learner with the precourse materials.</p> <p>If a TC chooses to issue a written version of the exam, it must be administered to the learner prior to the ACLS EP Course. Additional time will be needed to allow for the exam and possible remediation.</p> <p>Learners who are unsuccessful in scoring 84% or higher cannot be allowed to take the ACLS EP Course.</p>