**Date of Release** | July 24, 2017  
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**Purpose** | To provide direction and information on how to renew BLS skills during an ACLS Course and receive a BLS Provider card.  
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**General Information** | The AHA has designed its ACLS Course with BLS skills as the foundation. Course completion requirements to renew a BLS Provider card can be met during an ACLS Provider or ACLS Update Course with the addition of activities and testing as outlined below.  
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**Course Information for Training Centers and Instructors** | To renew BLS skills during an ACLS Course, the following requirements must be met:  
- The student wishing to renew BLS skills must have a current BLS Provider card (eCard or print) and either a *BLS Provider Manual* or a HeartCode BLS certificate of completion  
- An AHA BLS Instructor must conduct the testing of BLS skills and administration of the BLS exam  
- The course agenda must be based on one of the following:  
  - Sample agenda for the ACLS Provider Course (*ACLS Instructor Manual*, pages 38-39)  
  - Sample agenda for the ACLS Update Course (*ACLS Instructor Manual*, page 40)  
  - A comparable agenda created from the content listed in the Outline for ACLS Provider Course (*ACLS Instructor Manual*, pages 41 – 42) or the Outline for Update Course (*ACLS Instructor Manual*, page 43)  
  - The revised agenda must include all the following BLS Course completion requirements:  
    - Practice and testing of infant CPR skills (Lesson 8 for skills practice and Lesson 15 for skills testing from the *BLS Instructor Manual*); skills testing will be documented on the BLS Infant Skills Testing Checklist  
    - Child Choking (Lesson 10 from *BLS Instructor Manual*)  
    - Infant Choking (Lesson 11 from *BLS Instructor Manual*)  
    - BLS Provider Exam, unless a HeartCode BLS completion certificate of completion is provided by the student  
  - Use of an instrumented feedback device or manikin is recommended for adult BLS skills practice and testing  
  - During learning station cases and Megacode practice and testing, chest compression fraction will be measured and recorded on the station and testing checklists  
  - Completion of a BLS Course roster is required documentation for BLS skills renewal and issuance of a new BLS Provider card  
  - If the student successfully completes all BLS Course completion requirements, a BLS Provider card will be issued regardless of the outcome of the ACLS Course and testing  
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**Implementation Strategies** | Renewal of BLS skills during an ACLS Course should be a pre-planned option, with registration for the BLS portion to allow both student and Instructor preparation.  
- The amount of additional time added to the course will depend on how many students are participating in the BLS skills/card renewal option. Use the *BLS Instructor Manual* Lesson Plans to plan additional time for the ACLS Course.
### Implementation Strategies, continued

Renewal of BLS skills can be completed before the ACLS Course begins or incorporated into the course agenda as an additional station where convenient.

The open-resource BLS Provider Exam is best added after both adult and infant skills testing have been completed and is omitted if the student has a current HeartCode BLS certificate of completion.