

Training Bulletin:

2020 AHA Guidelines ACLS Instructor Essentials



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Purpose	To provide direction for program management of the 2020 AHA Guidelines Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) Instructor Essentials Blended Learning Course.
General Information	<p>The AHA has developed new ACLS Instructor Essentials Course materials to aid in providing quality and consistency in all AHA ACLS Instructor training. The new ACLS Instructor Essentials Course prepares instructor candidates to teach 2020 Guidelines version ACLS Provider Courses.</p> <p>The ACLS Instructor Essentials Course is delivered in a blended learning format. AHA ACLS instructor candidates first complete the online portion, followed by a hands-on session conducted by ACLS Faculty. ACLS instructor candidates must then be successfully monitored by ACLS Faculty within six months to receive their AHA ACLS Instructor card.</p> <p>Effective June 15, 2021, only the new ACLS Instructor Essentials materials can be used for conducting ACLS Instructor Essentials Courses.</p>
Requirements For AHA ACLS Faculty and Current ACLS Instructors	<p>AHA Faculty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain consistency in ACLS Instructor training, all ACLS Faculty who teach ACLS Instructor Essentials Courses are required to complete the online portion of the 2020 Guidelines ACLS Instructor Essentials Blended Learning Course. <p>This requirement must be met prior to conducting any 2020 Guidelines version ACLS Instructor Essentials Courses or performing any activity as AHA ACLS Faculty.</p> <p>Current AHA Instructors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AHA does not require current AHA ACLS Instructors to complete any components of the new ACLS Instructor Essentials Course to maintain their Instructor status. However, Instructors who wish to add the ACLS discipline will be required to complete the online portion of the ACLS Instructor Essentials Blended Learning Course, and to print the certificate of completion. Training Center Coordinators can require current Instructors to complete any component of the new ACLS Instructor Essentials Course to ensure consistency within the Training Center.
Requirements for Instructor Candidates	<p>To become an AHA ACLS Instructor, ACLS instructor candidates must</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be accepted by an AHA Training Center before enrolling in a ACLS Instructor Essentials Course and have a completed Instructor Candidate Application on file with the accepting Training Center.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Have current ACLS Provider status and be proficient in all the skills of that discipline. NOTE: While AHA ACLS Instructors also teach AHA Heartsaver courses, instructor candidates are not required to have a Heartsaver card in addition to a ACLS Provider card.3. Successfully complete the ACLS Instructor Essentials Course (both the online and classroom/hands-on portions). Students must print the certificate of completion from the online portion for entry into the classroom/hands-on portion.4. Successfully be monitored teaching their first course within six months of completing the discipline-specific classroom Instructor Course (Training Center Coordinators can require additional monitoring if needed).5. Register on the AHA Instructor Network and be confirmed by your primary Training Center for issuance of your Instructor ID number, which must be used to issue provider eCards.
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