

## Precourse Letter to Participants Scott's First Aid Co.

(Date)

Dear ACLS Provider Course student:

Welcome to the ACLS Provider Course.

### When and Where the Class Will Be Given

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Times: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Please plan to arrive on time because it will be difficult for late students to catch up once we start. Students are expected to attend and participate in the entire course.

### How to Get Ready

The ACLS Provider Course is designed to teach you the lifesaving skills required to be both a team member and a team leader in either an in-hospital or an out-of-hospital setting. Because the ACLS Provider Course covers extensive material in a short time, you will need to prepare for the course beforehand.

### Precourse Requirements

You should prepare for the course by doing the following:

1. Complete the precourse preparation checklist that came with your *ACLS Provider Manual*. Bring the checklist with you to the course. Optional \$45.00
2. Review the course agenda.
3. Review and understand the information in your *ACLS Provider Manual*. Pay particular attention to the 10 cases in Part 5.
4. The resuscitation team will ensure that your BLS skills and knowledge are current. You will be tested on your resuscitation skills at the beginning of the ACLS Provider Course. You must know this in advance, since you will not be taught how to do CPR or how to use an AED.
5. Review, understand, and complete the ECG and Pharmacology Precourse Self-Assessment on the Student Website ([www.heart.org/eccstudent](http://www.heart.org/eccstudent)). Pass word **acls15** You will not be taught how to read or interpret ECGs in the course, nor will you be taught details about ACLS pharmacology.
6. Print your scores from the Precourse Self-Assessment and bring them with you to class.

### What This Course Does Not Cover

The ACLS Provider Course does not teach algorithms, ECG rhythm recognition, or pharmacology. If you do not learn and understand the ECG and pharmacology information in the Precourse Self-Assessment, it is unlikely that you can successfully complete the ACLS Provider Course.

### What to Bring and What to Wear

Bring your *ACLS Provider Manual* to each class. You will need it during each lesson in the course. You may wish to purchase the AHA's *2015 Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care for Healthcare Providers* (optional), \$35.00 which you may bring to the course to use as a reference guide during some of the stations in the course.

Please wear loose, comfortable clothing to class. You will be practicing skills that require you to work on your hands and knees, and the course requires bending, standing, and lifting. If you have any physical condition that might prevent you from engaging in these activities, please tell an instructor. The instructor may be able to adjust the equipment if you have back, knee, or hip problems.

We look forward to welcoming you on \_\_\_\_(day and date of class)\_\_. If you have any questions about the course, please call \_\_\_\_\_(name)\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_(telephone number)\_\_.

Sincerely,

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