

HeartCode® BLS Instructor-Led Hands-On Skills Session; ECC Training Centers

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Description

The goal of the BLS Course is to train participants to save the lives of people in cardiac arrest through high-quality CPR. The AHA designed the BLS Course to teach health care professionals how to perform high-quality CPR individually or as part of a team. BLS skills are applicable to any health care setting. BLS students will learn rescue techniques for adults, children, and infants.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion, participants should be able to

1. Describe the importance of high-quality CPR and its impact on survival
2. Apply the BLS concepts of the Chain of Survival
3. Recognize the signs of someone needing CPR
4. Perform high-quality CPR for an adult, a child, and an infant
5. Perform chest compressions using correct hand placement at the correct rate and depth with chest recoil
6. Demonstrate effective breaths or ventilation
7. Describe the importance of early use of an automated external defibrillator (AED)
8. Demonstrate how to use an AED
9. Perform as an effective team member during multirescuer CPR
10. Describe how to relieve a foreign-body airway obstruction for an adult, a child, and an infant

Accreditation Terms

Joint Accreditation: N/A

CAPCE: 10/22/2025 – 10/21/2028

AARC: N/A

Accreditation Statement

Continuing Education Accreditation – Emergency Medical Services

This continuing education activity is approved by the American Heart Association, an organization accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Pre-Hospital Continuing Education (CAPCE), for 2.25 Basic CEHs, activity number 25-AMHA-F2-0035.

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Participation and Successful Completion

Successful completion of this CE activity includes the following:

1. Complete attendance and pass all skills tests
2. Receive the certificate/statement of credit

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Target Audiences

1. EMS

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Core curriculum change requests for accessibility purposes must be scientifically based and approved in advance in writing by the AHA ECC Science & Product Development department; otherwise a student must be able to successfully perform all course requirements (skills and written tests as indicated) to receive a

course completion card. Reasonable accommodations may be made, such as placing the manikin on a table at the height necessary for individuals in a wheelchair. However, the skills must be satisfactorily completed during the testing sessions. Guidelines for accommodating students with special needs or disabilities may be found in the Program Administration Manual.