

2020 : BLS DURING ACLS

Due to the timeframes associated with ACLS Provider and Renewal Courses, BLS is not a standard offering as part of a traditional course. Altering the schedule to provide for this would keep all student in the classroom until at least 1800.

BLS cards may be obtained if the following 2 criteria are met.

- 1) Any student requesting BLS must complete the BLS Heart Code online prior to class.
- 2) In order to prepare for this, it must be Pre-Arranged. Those requesting BLS will be required to stay after the normal class hours in order to complete this portion. Please note: additional fees will apply.

Please see below for excerpts form the ACLS Instructor Manual

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BLS Provider Course Completion Card



The AHA has designed its advanced life support courses with BLS skills as the foundation. The ACLS Course does not test all the skills for BLS and does not include the BLS exam. If a BLS Provider card is to be issued, a BLS Instructor must be present to complete the infant CPR skills tests as well as the exam.

ACLS Instructors may choose to offer testing for BLS skills and to administer the BLS exam, but doing so will add time to the ACLS Course. Thus, renewal of BLS skills during an ACLS class should be a preplanned option, with registration for the BLS portion to allow for both the students and the instructor to prepare. To assist ACLS Instructors who are interested in pursuing this option, this manual includes a Sample Agenda for ACLS Course Plus BLS Card.

For more about exercising this option, including the specific requirements that must be met, refer to Students Obtaining BLS Cards in an ACLS Course later in this part.

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Students Obtaining BLS Cards in an ACLS Course

ACLS Instructors who wish to offer renewal of BLS skills during an ACLS Course must ensure that all of the following requirements are met:

- Students wishing to renew BLS skills must have a current BLS Provider card (printed or eCard) and either a *BLS Provider Manual* or a HeartCode BLS certificate of completion.
- An AHA BLS Instructor or ACLS Instructor (who can also teach the BLS Course) must conduct the BLS skills testing and administer the BLS exam.
- The course agenda must be based on one of the following:
 - Sample Agenda for ACLS Course Plus BLS Card (in this manual)
 - A comparable agenda created from the content listed in the Outline for ACLS Course or the Outline for ACLS Update Course (both in this manual)
 - The revised agenda must include the following BLS Course completion requirements:
 - Practice and testing of infant CPR skills (refer to the infant skills practice and infant skills testing lesson plans in the *BLS Instructor Manual*); skills testing must be documented on the BLS Infant CPR Skills Testing Checklist
 - Child choking (refer to the adult/child choking lesson plan in the *BLS Instructor Manual*)
 - Infant choking (refer to the infant choking lesson plan in the *BLS Instructor Manual*)
 - Infant bag-mask ventilation practice (refer to the infant bag-mask lesson plan in the *BLS Instructor Manual*)
 - BLS Provider Exam, unless the student can provide a HeartCode BLS certificate of completion
- The use of an instrumented feedback device or manikin is required for adult BLS skills practice and testing.
- During learning station cases and Megacode practice and testing, CCF 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 fulfills all BLS Course completion requirements, a BLS Provider card will be issued regardless of the outcome of the ACLS Course and testing.