

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 agendas for ACLS Course Card and BLS Card (a video prework option and update course option).

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.

ACLS Student Resources



ACLS Student Resources are accessed via eLearning.heart.org. These include the precourse self-assessment, video prework, and precourse resources (Table 4; go to Atlas for instructions on accessing ACLS Student Resources).

Table 4. ACLS Student Resources

| Resource | Description | How to use |
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| Mandatory precourse self-assessment | The precourse self-assessment evaluates a student's knowledge in 3 sections: rhythm recognition, pharmacology, and practical application. | Complete before the instructor-led course to help evaluate your proficiency and determine the need for additional review and practice before the course. The passing score is 70%. There is no limit on how many times you can retake it to pass. |
| Prework (mandatory for Training Centers using the ACLS agenda with video prework) | Eight video lessons cover multiple medical subjects (eg, systematic approach, acute coronary syndromes) to prepare students for the course. Each lesson includes questions to engage students. | Complete the video lessons before entering the instructor-led course (except when following the ACLS Course agenda). |
| Precourse Preparation Checklist | Focuses student on how to prepare appropriately for the course. | Use as a checklist. |
| ACLS supplementary information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic airway management Advanced airway management ACLS core rhythms Defibrillation Access for medications ACS Human, ethical, and legal dimensions of ECC and ACLS | This additional information supplements basic concepts presented in the ACLS Course. Some information is supplementary; other areas are for interested students or advanced health care professionals. |

To ensure that students have prepared for the course, they must pass the precourse self-assessment with a score of 70% or higher. After taking the precourse self-assessment and completing the video prework, students must print out a copy of their certificate indicating their score on the precourse self-assessment and completion of all video lessons and bring it to class.