# **Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)**

The AHA's ACLS course builds on the foundation of lifesaving BLS skills, emphasizing the importance of continuous, high-quality CPR. Reflects science and education from the *American Heart Association Guidelines Update for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC)*. ACLS is geared for healthcare professionals who either direct or participate in the management of cardiopulmonary arrest or other cardiovascular emergencies and for personnel in emergency response.

## **ACLS Training Options:**

ACLS is available in two different training methods. All ACLS course options teach the same AHA science-based skills and result in the same AHA ACLS course completion electronic card (eCard). Our courses are offered as a package and include everything you need to complete the course from start to finish.

### Course Types:

- 1. Classroom Instructor-led, hands-on class format
- 2. Blended Learning Online eLearning course + hands-on skills check

#### Prerequisites:

- Valid AHA ACLS provider card
- Perform high-quality of BLS skills
- Read and interpret ECGs
- Understand ACLS drugs
- Perform bag-mask ventilations
- Pre-course assessment (proof of completion will be collected at check-in)

#### **Renewing your ACLS**

If you hold a current ACLS card, you are eligible to participate the in the ACLS renewal course or the ACLS heartcode with skills check course to renew your certification.

## **ACLS Initial & Expired Certifications**

If this is your first time taking ACLS or you hold an expired card, you're eligible to participate in the 2-Day ACLS initial course or the ACLS heartcode with skills check course. We recommend the classroom course for first time certifications.

# What the ACLS Course Does Not Cover

The ACLS course does not teach ECG rhythm recognition or pharmacology. If you do not learn and understand the ECG and pharmacology information in the pre-course self-assessment, it is unlikely that you can successfully complete the ACLS course. We offer Essentials in ECG Analysis once a quarter. Please check our <u>website</u> for available dates.

# Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: Do you offer BLS during ACLS courses?

A: No. For your convenience, BLS skills checks are available <u>before</u> each ACLS renewal course and ACLS heartcode skills check course.

### **Q:** Do you offer ACLS for Experienced Providers course?

A: No. You can check the American Heart Association (AHA) website to locate a course near you.