

Lutheran Health Network

ACLS PROVIDER COURSE

Dear ACLS Provider Course Student,

Welcome to the ACLS Provider Course in the LHN Education Center in the 7836 building on the Lutheran Hospital campus. The class time is 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on day one and 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on day two. Please plan to be on time. **You can go to the education website for a map of Lutheran Hospital campus. There is parking at the end of the lot to the left of the front doors.**

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 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

Obtain an *ACLS Provider Manual*, 2005 Guidelines. You should prepare for the course by doing the following:

1. Complete the precourse checklist and pretest that is on the CD in your *ACLS Provider Manual*.
2. Review the course Agenda
3. Review and understand the information in your *ACLS Provider Manual*. Pay particular attention to the 10 core cases in Part 4.
4. Review and understand the information in the BLS for Healthcare Providers manual. The resuscitation scenarios require that your BLS skills and knowledge are current. You will be tested on adult 1-rescuer CPR and AED skills at the beginning of the ACLS Provider Course. You will not be taught how to do CPR or use the AED. You must know this in advance. You may choose to review this information on the ACLS student CD found in the *ACLS Provider Manual*.
5. Review, understand and complete the ECG and Pharmacology precourse assessment tests on the ACLS student CD found in your *ACLS Provider Manual*. You will not be taught to read or interpret ECGs in the course, nor will you be taught details about ACLS pharmacology. Some students have had difficulty opening the student CD, please be sure that your computer meets the CD requirements or use a computer in one of the hospital libraries or Nursing Resource Center @ SJ.

What to Bring and What to Wear

Bring your *ACLS Provider Manual* to each class. You will need your manual during each lesson in the course. You may refer to the *Handbook of Emergency*

Cardiovascular Care for Healthcare Providers and you may bring it to the course to use as a reference guide during some of the stations in the course.

As you are taking a class in our Network place of business, please dress accordingly, no shorts or low cut tops. The temperature is difficult to regulate to please everyone, so please dress in layers.

To Purchase Books

The following are AHA material distributors:

Channing Bete Co. 800-611-6083 aha.channing-bete.com

World Point ECC, Inc. 888-322-8350 epoint.com

Laerdal Medical Corp. 888-562-4242 laerdal.com

The ISBN for the ACLS Provider Manual is: 0-87493-496-6

The ISBN for the Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care for Healthcare Providers is: 0-87493-460-5

The Gift Shop at Lutheran Hospital as a few copies of the ACLS Provider Manual to sell.

Requirements for Course Completion

To successfully complete the course and obtain your ACLS card you must:

1. Pass the closed book written exam with a score of 84% or >
2. Pass the Megacode testing station
3. Pass 1-rescuer CPR/AED skill testing station
4. Participate, practice and complete all learning stations.

The ACLS Instructors and I look forward to seeing you at the course. If you have questions about the course, please call or e-mail me.

Sincerely,

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