

Lutheran Health Network

ACLS RENEWAL CLASS

Dear ACLS Renewal Course Student,

Welcome to the ACLS Provider Renewal Course that meets in the LHN Education Center in the 7836 Building on the Lutheran Hospital campus. The class time is 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please plan to be there at 7:45 to complete paperwork.

You may go to the Lutheran Hospital website for a campus map. Please park at the far end of the lot on the left hand side as the ones closest to the door are reserved.

How to Get Ready

The ACLS Renewal Course is designed to refresh your 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 Renewal 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 that came 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 Renewal 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 their student CD. Please make sure that your computer meets the requirements for the CD. If you continue to have problems, please contact Educational Resources @ 435-7453 for a memo from

the AHA with ways to try and get the CD open. You may need to try on a larger computer in the libraries, Nursing Resource center @ SJ.

What to Bring and What to Wear

Bring your *ACLS Provider Manual* to 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.

This is a work day, so please dress appropriately to be in a place of business (no shorts or low cut tops or low cut pants). 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
World Point ECC, INC.	888-322-8350
Laerdal Medical Corp.	888-562-4242

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 also carries a few ACLS Provider books 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 are looking forward to seeing you at the course. If you have questions about the course, please call me @ 260-425-3346.

Sincerely,

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