

# BECOME AN INSTRUCTOR



The American Heart Association is always seeking professionals to conduct training in first aid, CPR AED, and advanced cardiovascular care. If you are passionate about saving lives, motivated to facilitate learning, feel comfortable in group settings, and find it easy to make complex concepts understandable to others, you may be a perfect candidate.

Successful Instructors can be healthcare professionals, first responders, or community members. Many of our 400,000 plus Instructors enjoy careers in nursing, EMS, education, health and fitness, and corporate safety.

## How can I become an AHA Instructor?

1. After being accepted by an authorized AHA Training Center (TC)\*, complete an Instructor Candidate Application for the TC before enrolling in an AHA Instructor Course.
2. Have a current AHA Provider status in the discipline for the Instructor Course and be proficient in all the skills of that discipline. Disciplines include ACLS, BLS, PALS, ASLS, PEARS and Heartsaver.
3. Register with Atlas by going to [Atlas.Heart.org](https://atlas.heart.org) and selecting "Sign Up."
4. Successfully complete the Instructor Essentials Course for the discipline for which you are becoming an Instructor, including both the online portion and the classroom/hands-on session.
5. Successfully be monitored teaching within 6 months of completing the hands-on session of their Instructor Essentials Course (TC Coordinators may require additional monitoring, if needed).

## Once You Become an Instructor

### Atlas

Once you become an AHA Instructor, you will have access to Atlas, AHA's new training and education platform, to access instructor resources. You will have access to the most current emergency cardiovascular care science, course updates, training resources, and tools through Atlas.

You will also be able to post class dates and times to reach more students through our public website.

All AHA Instructors must register and be confirmed on Atlas to receive their AHA Instructor ID #, which must be used to issue course completion cards.

### Instructor Community

In addition to Atlas, you will have access to engage with other instructors on the Instructor Community. Our hope is that you explore the site and begin to share ideas, discuss the latest trends in CPR training, and give us feedback so we can partner with you to provide outstanding training and save more lives.

- Participate in or start discussion forums about training and best practices
- Chat with colleagues, share stories and photos, ask and answer questions
- List local events and view AHA national events
- Access resources to promote your CPR and ECC training
- Connect with peers



\*To find an AHA TC near you that may be accepting new instructors, scan the code or visit [Atlas.heart.org](https://atlas.heart.org) and use the Training Center Search tool