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ACLS Provider Course

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Purpose	To provide direction and information on updates to the American Heart Association's Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) Provider Course as well as training options for health care professionals who need to complete ACLS training. ACLS Instructors should provide the "2025 Interim Training Materials: <i>ACLS Provider Manual</i> and <i>ACLS for Experienced Providers Manual and Resource Text Changes</i>" document (available on Atlas.Heart.org) to students using 2020 course materials from October 22, 2025, through February 28, 2026. ACLS EP Instructors should provide the "2025 Interim Training Materials: <i>ACLS Provider Manual</i> and <i>ACLS for Experienced Providers Manual and Resource Text Changes</i>" document (available on Atlas.Heart.org) to students using 2017 course materials from October 22, 2025, until a new ACLS EP Course is available in the future. Instructors should use the "2025 Interim Training Materials: <i>ACLS Lesson Plans and ACLS for Experienced Providers Course Changes</i>" document (available on Atlas.Heart.org) when using the 2017 ACLS EP instructor materials or the 2020 ACLS Instructor materials from October 22, 2025, through February 28, 2026.
General information	The ACLS Provider Course has been updated to meet the recommendations in the <i>2025 American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care</i>. The American Heart Association has developed new ACLS course materials that will aid in providing quality and consistency in all ACLS courses.
Course information for Training Centers and instructors	• Effective March 1, 2026, only new course materials can be used for conducting all ACLS courses. • The ACLS Provider Course can be taught by current ACLS Instructors. ACLS and ACLS EP Instructors must complete the 2025 ACLS Instructor Update Course available on elearning.heart.org before teaching with new course materials. • Training Centers and instructors may continue to use previous stock of 2020 ACLS products with the interim materials posted on Atlas through February 28, 2026. • Appropriate course completion cards must be issued for the course materials being used. If the 2020 ACLS materials are used without the interim materials, the old card must be issued. If the interim materials or 2025 ACLS materials are used, the new card must be issued. • Training Center Coordinators can obtain updated exams for 2025 Guidelines courses through ShopCPR.Heart.org or Atlas. • The ACLS Course continues to have a mandatory Precourse Self-Assessment (PSA) for all students to complete before their class date. Refer to the <i>ACLS Instructor Manual</i> for details. • The 2025 ACLS Course continues to offer a video prework option. In addition to the PSA, students will complete interactive video lessons before class so that instructors can focus on hands-on skills in person. This video prework option allows



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students to prepare before they arrive for class, resulting in a shorter agenda for the in-person classroom portion. However, a traditional ACLS Course agenda is still available, for which students are required to complete only the PSA before class.

- Instructors are strongly encouraged to complete the 2025 ACLS Product and Course Orientation available on elearning.heart.org. The ACLS Product and Course Orientation was created to aid instructors in understanding the new course design and teaching strategies.
- All ACLS Instructors must have a current copy of the *ACLS Instructor Manual* for the course being taught.