

# Training Bulletin:

## 2020 AHA Guidelines PALS Instructor Essentials



<b>Original Release Date</b>	March 4, 2021
<b>Purpose</b>	To provide direction for program management of the 2020 AHA Guidelines Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Instructor Essentials Blended Learning Course.
<b>General Information</b>	<p>The AHA has developed new PALS Instructor Essentials Course materials to aid in providing quality and consistency in all AHA PALS Instructor training. The new PALS Instructor Essentials Course prepares instructor candidates to teach 2020 Guidelines version PALS Provider Courses.</p> <p>The PALS Instructor Essentials Course is delivered in a blended learning format. AHA PALS instructor candidates first complete the online portion, followed by a hands-on session conducted by PALS Faculty. PALS instructor candidates must then be successfully monitored by PALS Faculty within six months to receive their AHA PALS Instructor card.</p> <p>Effective June 15, 2021, only the new PALS Instructor Essentials materials can be used for conducting PALS Instructor Essentials Courses.</p>
<b>Requirements For AHA PALS Faculty and Current PALS Instructors</b>	<p><b>AHA Faculty</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To maintain consistency in PALS Instructor training, all PALS Faculty who teach PALS Instructor Essentials Courses are required to complete the online portion of the 2020 Guidelines PALS Instructor Essentials Blended Learning Course.</li> </ul> <p>This requirement must be met prior to conducting any 2020 Guidelines version PALS Instructor Essentials Courses or performing any activity as AHA PALS Faculty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PALS Faculty who teach PEARS Instructor Essentials Courses must complete the online portion of the PEARS Instructor Essentials Blended Learning Course before teaching a PEARS Instructor Essentials Course.</li> </ul> <p><b>Current AHA Instructors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AHA does not require current AHA PALS Instructors to complete any components of the new PALS Instructor Essentials Course to maintain their Instructor status.</li> <li>However, Instructors who wish to add the PALS discipline will be required to complete the online portion of the PALS Instructor Essentials Blended Learning Course, and to print the certificate of completion.</li> <li>Training Center Coordinators can require current Instructors to complete any component of the new PALS Instructor Essentials Course to ensure consistency within the Training Center.</li> </ul>

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<b>Requirements for Instructor Candidates</b>	<p>To become an AHA PALS Instructor, PALS instructor candidates must</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Be accepted by an AHA Training Center before enrolling in a PALS Instructor Essentials Course and have a completed Instructor Candidate Application on file with the accepting Training Center.</li><li>2. Have current PALS Provider status and be proficient in all the skills of that discipline. NOTE: While AHA PALS Instructors also teach AHA PEARS Provider courses, instructor candidates are not required to have a PEARS Provider card in addition to a PALS Provider card.</li><li>3. Successfully complete the PALS Instructor Essentials Course (both the online and classroom/hands-on portions). Students must print the certificate of completion from the online portion for entry into the classroom/hands-on portion.</li><li>4. Successfully be monitored teaching their first course within six months of completing the discipline-specific classroom Instructor Course (Training Center Coordinators can require additional monitoring if needed).</li><li>5. Register on the AHA Instructor Network and be confirmed by your primary Training Center for issuance of your Instructor ID number, which must be used to issue provider eCards.</li></ol>
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