

Training Memo:

2020 AHA Guidelines PALS Provider ILT Course



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Purpose	To provide direction and information on updates to the 2020 AHA Guidelines Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Provider Instructor-Led Training (ILT) Course and training options for providers who need to complete PALS training.
General Information	The PALS Provider Course has been updated to reflect new science and training recommendations in the 2020 AHA Guidelines for CPR and ECC. The AHA has developed new PALS Provider Course materials that will aid in providing quality and consistency in all PALS courses.
Course Information for Training Centers and Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective February 1, 2021, only 2020 AHA Guidelines PALS Provider Course materials can be used for conducting all PALS Provider Courses. • PALS Training Centers and Instructors may continue to use previous stock of 2015 Guidelines version PALS materials and all PALS Interim Training Materials posted on the AHA Instructor Network through January 31, 2021. • The PALS Provider Course can be taught by current PALS Instructors. Instructors must complete the 2020 AHA Guidelines Instructor Update Course for PALS before teaching new courses using new materials. 2020 AHA Guidelines Instructor Updates are available through the AHA Instructor Network (login required). • The PALS Provider Course continues to have a mandatory Precourse Self-Assessment (PSA) that all providers must complete before their class. Refer to the PALS Instructor Manual for details. • The new PALS Provider Course includes “Precourse Work” that providers must complete before their class. In addition to the PSA, students will complete interactive video lessons (Precourse Work) before the course so that Instructors can focus on hands-on skills in person. Precourse Work will allow students to be more prepared before they enter the classroom. Precourse Work also shortens class agenda. A traditional “PSA only” option still can be used, but will result in a longer class agenda. • Appropriate course completion cards must be issued for the course materials being used. If 2015 Guidelines version PALS materials are used, a 2015 PALS Provider eCard must be issued. If the new 2020 PALS materials are used, a 2020 PALS Provider eCard must be issued. • PALS Instructors are strongly encouraged to complete the PALS Product and Course Orientation (P&CO) available through the AHA Instructor Network (login required). The PALS P&CO was created to aid PALS Instructors in understanding the new course design and teaching strategies. • All PALS Instructors must have a current copy of the PALS Instructor Manual for the course being taught.