

# ACLS Prep: ECG

## ACLS Prep: Pharmacology

### FAQ



*These products have been updated with new science from the 2025 American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR and ECC and replace the previous versions.*

**Q:** What are the ACLS Prep: ECG and ACLS Prep: Pharmacology courses?

**A:** Specifically designed to address a key knowledge gap in Electrocardiogram (ECG) and Pharmacology seen in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), the American Heart Association's ACLS Prep: ECG and ACLS Prep: Pharmacology courses are focused on specific ECG recognition skills and drug treatment knowledge.

**Q:** What is the course format?

**A:** The ACLS Prep: ECG and ACLS Prep: Pharmacology are self-directed, eLearning courses. They can be purchased as individual modules or bundled together.

**Q:** Who is the target audience for the ACLS Prep courses?

**A:** ACLS Prep: ECG - This course is ideal for healthcare professionals who require basic rhythm recognition skills related to the ACLS algorithms. This includes telemetry staff, non-critical/emergency nurses, emergency medical services personnel, respiratory therapists, physician assistants, non-critical/emergency physicians, and dentists.

ACLS Prep: Pharmacology - This course is ideal for healthcare professionals who require basic drug interaction understanding related to the ACLS algorithms. This includes non-critical/emergency nurses, emergency medical services personnel, respiratory therapists, physician assistants, non-critical/emergency physicians, and dentists.

**Q:** Why were the ACLS Prep: ECG & ACLS Prep Pharmacology courses created?

**A:** ECG recognition skills and drug treatment knowledge have been identified as key gaps in knowledge for ACLS students.

The Heart Association recognized that without strong competency in either ECG recognition or drug treatment knowledge related to the ACLS algorithms, success completing an ACLS Course for the healthcare provider is more difficult. As a result, these courses were re-designed as self-directed, eLearning courses to address those knowledge gaps and serve as a pre-course option for ACLS students who need to improve ECG recognition skills and drug treatment, or for ACLS students who in general need to refresh their skills and knowledge. It was also created for anyone wanting to gain knowledge in ECG recognition and pharmacology.

Q: What are the course objectives?

A: Objectives for the ACLS Prep: ECG course:

- Explain heart anatomy and basic electrophysiology
- Explain normal ECG measurements
- Recognize and understand the basic arrhythmias

Objectives for the ACLS: Prep: Pharmacology course:

- Understand basic ACLS drugs and their usage
- Understand drugs, doses, and routes of administration during cardiovascular emergencies
- Apply basic pharmacology into the ACLS algorithms

Q: What are the changes that were made to the ACLS Prep modules that reflect the new science from the 2025 American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR and ECC?

A: Among the changes in the modules are the following:

- Minor adjustments to adjunctive medications, including the addition of fentanyl, for Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS)
- Update to basic ACLS medication doses
- Updated terminology and images

Q: What are the course completion requirements?

A: Students must complete the eLearning component, followed by the course completion survey in order to claim Continuing Education (CE).

Q: Do students receive a certificate or eCard?

A: Students receive a completion certificate after successfully completing the ECG course or Pharmacology course.

Q: Approximately how long does it take to complete the ACLS Prep: ECG & ACLS Prep: Pharmacology Courses?

A: ACLS Prep: ECG – 2 hours 10 minutes  
ACLS Prep: Pharmacology – 1 hour

Q: Does the ACLS Prep: ECG & ACLS Prep: Pharmacology courses offer continuing education credits?

A: Yes, continuing education credits are offered for both courses.