



Dear ACLS Provider Course Student,

Welcome to the ACLS Provider Course. Thank you for choosing Huntsville Hospital Corporate University for your ACLS Course. We feel that our program is the best course in this region. We have a host of experts that participate in this course: Medical Director Dr. John Markushewski ; ACLS Regional Faculty, Geneva Llewellyn; and Training Center Faculty, Gayle Stinnett , Alicia Pettis, and Rosemarie Juergensen. We have many other experienced instructors that are willing to meet your course needs.

When and where:

The class will be Thursday 8am-5pm and Friday 7:30am-12 noon at the Dowdle Center, Corporate University, 109 Governors Dr. SW, Huntsville, Al. 35801

Please be prompt each day. It is difficult for late students to catch up once we start. Students are expected to attend and participate in the entire course.

There is an agenda on the next page. You should also receive an *ACLS Provider Manual and student CD*. If you are a HH employee, you may need to check with your educator for one of the libreried books to check-out. **** Please bring your BLS Card with you.**

How to get ready

The ACLS provider Course is designed to teach you the lifesaving skills required to be both a team member and a team leader in either an in-hospital or out-of hospital setting. Because the ACLS Provider Course covers extensive material in a short time, you will need to prepare for the course beforehand.

Precourse Requirements

You should prepare for the course by:

1. Complete the precourse checklist that came with your *ACLS provider Manual*. Bring the checklist with you to the course.
2. Review the course agenda.
3. Review and understand the information in your *ACLS Provider Manual*. Pay particular attention to the algorithms.
4. Review and understand the information for BLS. You will be recertified in BLS while you are here for the ACLS provider course. You will be tested on adult 1-rescuer CPR and AED skills, as well as infant skills – 1 rescuer and 2-rescuer. We will not be able to prompt you for this testing.
5. Review the pretest for ACLS found on the CD. This is also on Netlearning which can be accessed here at Huntsville Hospital or at home for employees.
6. Print your scores for the precourse assessment tests and bring them with you to class.

Precourse Reviews

There are two classes recommended for your preparation for the ACLS Provider Course.

Taming the Cardiac Monitor is a three hour class reviewing all of basic EKG rhythms. ACLS review is a 4 hour course reviewing all the Algorithms, pharmacology, brief rhythm review and a practice mega-code.

In order to be successful in the ACLS Provider course, you must prepare and know the algorithms.

You will be able to purchase the *Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care for Healthcare Providers* for \$20.00. This book may be used throughout the course, even during testing.

Please wear loose, comfortable clothing to class. **Note: HH employees must follow dress code.** You will be performing skills that require you to work on your hands and knees, and the course requires bending, standing, and lifting. If you have any physical condition that might prevent you from engaging in these activities, please tell an instructor. The instructor may be able to adjust the equipment if you have back, knee, or hip problems.

Thank you.

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ACLS AGENDA

Day 1 (Thursday)

7:45am-8:00am	Registration
8:00am-8:30am	Overview/ Primary & Secondary Survey
8:30am-10:30am	Groups I- Airway II- BLS
10:30am - 11:15am	Megacode Review- Team Concepts & Technology Review
11:15am – 12 Noon	Lunch
12:00pm -1:15pm	Pulseless Arrest- VT/VF
1:15pm -1:50pm	Acute Coronary Syndromes
1:50pm - 2:25pm	Brain Attack
2:30pm- 4:30pm	Groups I Brady/Asystole/PEA Group II Tachycardia/ Stable & Unstable

Day 2 (Friday)

7:30am- 8:00am	BLS Written Test
8:00am- 9:30am	Putting it all together (Practice Mega-code)
9:45am- 10:45am	ACLS Written Test (When finished with written test wait to be assigned a Megacode room.)
10:15am- 12 Noon	Megacodes (When finished with Megacode wait in 119A for results and cards.)