

# National ECC Training Bulletin

## Supplement to Program Administration Manual

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### **ADVANCED CARDIOVASCULAR LIFE SUPPORT for EXPERIENCED PROVIDERS Instructor/Course Director Criteria**

These procedures facilitate the expansion of Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support for Experienced Providers (ACLS-EP) courses. They provide for successful Instructor mentoring as an integral part of the procedure, which in turn ensures quality training in all courses. ACLS-EP Courses are to be delivered at the Training Center (TC) level with the same quality as all AHA courses, and it is the responsibility of the sponsoring TC to ensure that these standards are maintained.

#### **Instructor Requirements**

##### **Prerequisites:**

To become an instructor for the ACLS-EP course, a candidate must be a current, active ACLS Instructor with excellent student evaluations on file with his/her TC.

##### **Requirements:**

1. Attend and successfully complete an AHA ACLS-EP Provider Course. Demonstrate effective performance in all four learning stations and the Heartsaver AED skills station.
2. Attend and successfully complete an AHA ACLS-EP Instructor Course.
3. As an Instructor Candidate, select a Teaching Station and co-teach with an experienced ACLS-EP Instructor.
4. Teach the station alone while being monitored by the Course Director. After successful completion, an ACLS-EP Instructor card will be issued by the candidate's TC.
5. At the discretion of the Course Director, Steps 3 and 4 can be accomplished during the same course.

All ACLS-EP Instructors should become proficient in two or more teaching stations.

### **Instructor Renewal**

To maintain status as an ACLS-EP Instructor, procedures must be followed as outlined in the Program Administration Manual, with ACLS-EP being one of the required courses taught each year.

### **Course Director Requirements**

#### **Prerequisites:**

To become an ACLS-EP Course Director, a candidate must be (1) a current, active ACLS-EP Instructor, (2) an ACLS Regional or Training Center Faculty member, and must have (3) experience teaching two of the four teaching stations.

#### **Requirements:**

First course: co-direct an entire ACLS-EP Provider Course with an experienced ACLS-EP Director.

Second course: assume the role of Course Director and be monitored by an experienced ACLS-EP Course Director. After successful completion, the candidate will be designated as an ACLS-EP Course Director.

If the Course Director is a non-physician, an ACLS-EP Instructor physician must be on-site during the entire ACLS-EP course.

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