

# Southern Regional AHEC Training Center

Fall Newsletter 2006

## BLS Instructor Update



### Info:

1. If Current BLS or Heartsaver Instructors want to teach Heartsaver First Aid they are grandfathered in.
2. There is no participant skills demonstration with the Heartsaver Friends and Family First Aid Course.

### **BLS Instructor Exam and Testing**

*There are no longer written BLS Instructor Exams.* Due to the new science in the 2005 ECC Guidelines, written BLS Instructor's exams will no longer be utilized for testing new BLS Instructor candidates. Skills testing has been redesigned to ensure that instructors use a more uniform and objective approach to testing CPR skills. To ensure that instructors are able to effectively, accurately, and consistently evaluate skills, there is a BLS Skills Testing Video to guide all instructors in evaluating student performance of BLS skills and using the skills checklist.

### **Heartsaver Exams & Testing**

*There are no longer written Heartsaver exams according to the new guidelines.*

CPR requires hands on practice for knowledge transfer, therefore, the testing of CPR and AED skills will be based on hands-on performance. **The new testing model** for CPR and AED, the Objective Skills Testing Instrument, focuses on skills evaluation and acquisition. Since CPR is not a cognitive skill, a written, cumulative test **will not be used** to evaluate skill acquisition in the CPR and AED portions of the Heartsaver courses. This change will increase the time available for practice and evaluation of student CPR and AED skills. The goal of this change is to help ensure that students can perform these skills rather than just answer questions about them in a test.

You may refer to the Heartsaver Instructor CD & Manual for additional information on the new skills testing procedure for ALL HS courses including HS First Aid.

## Heartsaver First Aid On-Line Course:

This is an alternate way for participants to complete the Heartsaver First Aid Course. The cost is \$25.00. The web-based e-learning product, the Heartsaver First Aid Online course, provides Part 1, the online portion of the course. The hands-on skills portion of the course is the second part. Part 1 includes a series of modules that cover all required sequences for an American Heart Association (AHA) Heartsaver First Aid Course. Participants also complete the AHA Heartsaver First Aid exam online. Those who successfully complete Part 1

receive a certificate that allows them entrance to a skills testing session with an AHA BLS or Heartsaver instructor. An AHA course completion card will be issued by an AHA BLS Training Center when both parts are successfully completed. Our website is [www.southernregionalahec.org](http://www.southernregionalahec.org) .

## ACLS Instructors:

The ACLS Instructor Update is a self-paced video update for current ACLS instructors. It's available both on a DVD that is being sent to all ACLS Training Centers, and on the AHA Instructor Network. By watching the video program, your instructors will complete their update to the new ACLS materials and ACLS instructors may view the program on the Instructor Network on their own, and then send their completion certificate to the training center. The DVD however, does not print a completion certificate. As with any new materials, instructors need to review them thoroughly before teaching with them for the first time. Only the new ACLS materials are to be used for all courses taught after November 30, 2006. The new ACLS Provider course exams will be distributed via email to the ACLS Training Center Coordinator beginning September 1, 2006. The new exams are to be used only with the new materials and course formats. There are no deadlines for updates being completed, other than an instructor must complete it before teaching with the new materials.

- **By Friday, September 1, a User's Guide for the program will be available on the Instructor Network**
- **The ECC Service Centers will begin distributing the DVDs the week of September 11. Your Service Center**

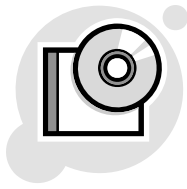
**will update you on when to expect your set.**

- **The same videos will be live on the AHA LMS Profession Education Center the week of September 11.**
1. To access the professional Education Center go to <http://www.my.americanheart.org/portal/professional> and click on the Professional Education Center in the far right column. Registration if required.
  2. Navigate to the "Catalog of Offerings" on the left-side. Select Web based Coursed, then ECC Online.

## New TC Assistant:



David Dick has joined the SR-AHEC team as the new TC Assistant. David will be in the office from 8:00 until 5:00, Monday thru Friday. His direct phone line is 910-678-7286. You may also contact him by email at [david.dick@sr-ahec.org](mailto:david.dick@sr-ahec.org). Please feel free to contact him if you have any questions concerning the training center. You may drop your card order and rosters off at the TC window anytime between 8:00 and 5:00. Rosters and order forms may also be faxed in to 910-323-0674. When you drop off your order forms you will be given a time when your cards will be ready.



## Are you having problems showing your BLS DVDs?

Most of the technical issues with the CD ROM are related to the user's computer settings. First check the system requirements on the inside front cover for assistance.

- Additional support for the LMS is available M-F 8:30am-5:00pm Central Time at 1-888-242-2453
- Additional support for the CD ROM is available M-F 8:30am-5:00pm Central Time at 1-877-242-4277
- If the user is having trouble viewing the course, then the small window for viewing video may be because of the need to download macromedia flash 7. You can go to the Microsoft Web Site and get this free download. Also see of users screen setting is at 600 X 800.
- If a user has set their Flash Player to not accept local shared objects (stored data files generated by Flash Player), then the data we are writing to these objects will not be kept.

Have you tried to play an ECC DVD in your computer only to find out that your computer doesn't support the DVD? Well you are not alone, but it isn't necessarily the DVD disk that is the culprit. Your computer may not have a

DVD drive: a CD ROM drive won't play DVDs. Even if you have a DVD drive-it is labeled as a DVD drive, you may not have the software to installed or the software drivers are not current.

While the DVDs produced by the American Heart Association are compatible with standard DVD players, there is a possibility that the DVD is not compatible with your computer DVD drive or software. If the DVD won't play in your computer, check the DVD in a standard, TV set top DVD player.

**There's a help note with information about this at**

**<http://www.adobe.com/cfusion/knowledgebase/index.cfm?id=52697ee8>**

**Before attempting to run the course, users should check their computer against the minimum system requirements. If these requirements are not met, the program will not run properly if at all.**

### **Minimum Requirements**

#### **Operating system**

**Windows 95,98, NT 4.0, 2000, or XP, Mac OS 9.1 and higher, OS X10.1 and higher**

#### **Web Browser**

**Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher**

**Netscape Navigator 4.79 or higher with Flash 7 player installed or Netscape Navigator 6.2 higher with Flash 7 player installed**

**Processor: Pentium III—700 MHz (for PCs)**

**Memory 128 MB**

**Hardware: CD-ROM, CD-R, CD-RW, or DVD-R drive**

**Bandwith: DSL/cable modem: will run from dial-up connection, but run speed may be somewhat slowed**

Visit the SR AHEC Training Website at:

**[http://www.southernregionalahec.org/pr  
ofessionals/aha.html](http://www.southernregionalahec.org/professionals/aha.html)**