

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, the probationary ACLS Instructor will have:

- ✓ Increases proficiency in the use of principles of adult education.
- ✓ Enhanced knowledge of standard and more advanced issues of Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support.
- ✓ Improved practical skills for self-evaluation and evaluating others with respect to learning needs and meeting educational goals.
- ✓ Knowledge of ways to improve and enhance teaching effectiveness.
- ✓ Skills to appropriately plan/ present ACLS content to a broad range of students with varied learning needs.
- ✓ Understanding of application of an evidence-based approach for self-learning and teaching others in ACLS settings.

Overview of the ACLS Instructor Program

Through didactic and interactive small group collaborative teaching sessions, participants will be able to learn (and apply) assessment, teaching, and evaluation skills to ACLS teaching.

Course training and education sessions for instructor candidates will be provided using informal and interactive approaches, actively encouraging questions, self-reflection, group discussions, collaborative sharing of opinions and expertise from all candidates as well as instructors.

Minimum Requirements for Candidates

- ✓ Must be one of the following:
 - Licensed Physician, Resident or Fellow
 - Respiratory Therapist
 - Registered Nurse
 - Paramedic
 - Pharmacist
- ✓ Must be currently practicing in their registered / licensed health care profession and have practiced with an environment of acute, critical care, or emergency settings for a minimum of three consecutive years prior to application.
- ✓ Must have current HSF ACLS Provider registration from a recent ACLS program attended within 12 months of application date
- ✓ Must have current HSF BLS HCP registration from a recent HSF BLS HCP program attended within 12 months of application date. Note: A current HSFS BLS Instructor Registration in good standing with HSFS, is recognized as meeting/exceeding this requirement.

Additional Requirements

- Excellent current knowledge of advanced life support strategies: fibrinolysis, airway management, cardiac arrest algorithms, pharmacology, and ECG including preliminary / basic skills for 12-lead interpretation.
- Strong communication skills (written, oral, and instructional).
- A demonstrated ability to recognize and respond appropriately in the evaluation of learning needs of others.
- A letter of recommendation from a current ACLS Instructor
- Evidence of participation in continuing educational opportunities / enhancement of current practice through professional education over the last two years (must be other than BLS-C and ACLS registration courses).

ACLS INSTRUCTOR COURSE APPLICATION FORM

(PRINT clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone:(Work) _____

Phone:(Home / Cell) _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Date of original ACLS Provider registration _____

I certify all information included in my application to be accurate.

Signature of Instructor-Candidate

PLEASE NOTE: If chosen by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan, you will be contacted by phone or e-mail regarding your acceptance by November 16, 2009. Please ensure contact information provided is correct! Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

The Application Process

1. Complete and sign the **“ACLS INSTRUCTOR COURSE APPLICATION FORM”** (see reverse side)
2. Submit Application form along with the following:
 - A letter explaining your interest in becoming an ACLS instructor including a brief synopsis of your skills / abilities that are highlighted with enclosed supporting letters / documents.
NOTE: Candidates requiring ACLS instructor status as a job requirement should clearly indicate this on the application and must include a **letter of verification** from a supervisor / manager.
 - A copy of your current curriculum vitae (CV) or resumé.
 - A photocopy of all current memberships in professional associations, groups, or relevant health care certifications
 - A photocopy of current Heart & Stroke Foundation of Saskatchewan ACLS and BLS-C registration cards.
 - Proof of attendance (receipt, study credit certificate, or letter of verification from education agency or personnel) from three conference / workshops or structured education sessions attended in the last two years. Education sessions attended should be topics relevant to ACLS topics, Emergency care, clinical acute care issues, etc.
 - A letter of personal recommendation as to your qualities, skills, and/or teaching abilities from a Saskatchewan ACLS instructor in good standing.

Send all completed information before the application deadline, Monday, November 2, 2009 (to arrive before 1600 hours) to:

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