

## Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Certification Reference Guide

### Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) – Initial Certification

OPTIONS	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
<p><b>Full 2 –day ACLS Classroom Course</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructor feedback and coaching</li> <li>• Does not require computer skills or computer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class scheduling may not be convenient for employee or unit staffing.</li> <li>• Requires 2 days off unit</li> <li>• High cost to organization</li> </ul>
<p><b>HeartCode ACLS LEARN Course (Average 5 hours)</b></p> <p>Registration with HeartCode License - must complete Part I and Part II within 45 days. Failure to complete HeartCode will result in payment to SJHS for license fee <b>\$85</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow student to complete course at their own pace on computer that meets internet and sound requirements</li> <li>• No written test</li> <li>• Skills check-off with simulation manikins</li> <li>• ACLS Course material available on-line (no book required)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Printer required-* student completes on-line evaluation and PRINT Part I completion certificate</li> <li>• Expert knowledge necessary regarding emergency drugs, dysrhythmia, and ACLS protocols required. (Example: MD, PA, ARNP)</li> <li>• Requires student to be self-directed and complete course in 45 day period</li> <li>• Incomplete course requirements results in employee payment to SJHS for the cost of the used license: <b>HeartCode ACLS \$85</b></li> </ul>

### Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) – Re-Certification

OPTION	ADVANTAGE	DISADVANTAGE
<p><b>Recertification 5 Hour ACLS Classroom Course</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructor feedback and coaching</li> <li>• Does not require computer skills or computer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class scheduling may not be convenient for employee or unit staffing</li> <li>• Off unit for 5 hours</li> </ul>
<p><b>HeartCode ACLS LEARN Course (Average 5 hours)</b></p> <p>Registration with HeartCode License- must complete Part I and Part II within 45 days. Failure to complete HeartCode will result in re-payment to SJHS for license fee <b>\$85</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow student to complete course at their own pace on computer that meets internet and sound requirements</li> <li>• No written test</li> <li>• Skills check-off with simulation manikins or instructor check-off</li> <li>• ACLS Course material available on-line (no book required)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Printer required-* student complete on-line evaluation and PRINT Part I completion certificate</li> <li>• Requires student to be self directed and complete course in 45 days</li> <li>• Incomplete course requirements results in employee payment to SJHS for the cost of the used license: <b>HeartCode ACLS \$85</b></li> </ul>

<p><b>NOTE:</b> SJHS employees who are required to maintain ACLS for job role, will be required to take the BLS written exam and perform BLS skills on manikins <b><u>DURING</u></b> the ACLS course</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow experienced provider with the opportunity to complete ACLS and BLS requirements at same time</li> <li>• Skills check-off with instructor</li> <li>• “One-stop shopping” while instructors and manikins are available</li> <li>• No cost to SJHS for HeartCode BLS License and more time off unit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be prepared to take BLS Exam during ACLS</li> <li>• HeartCode Simulation Manikins will be used which provide a realistic sensation of CPR and provide immediate feedback regarding the quality of compressions and airway management</li> <li>• Consistent competency validation for all students, no instructor bias</li> </ul>
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**\*\*\*It is the employees responsibility to maintain and pay for a CURRENT AHA Certification card if certification is required by job description.**