



FAQ: IU Health Medical Student Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Policy

Q: Who is eligible for the no cost training options through IU Health?

A: *Current and incoming medical students* of the IUSM are eligible to participate in the no cost resuscitation training at IU Health.*

Q: Is there a schedule available to share with medical students?

A: *Yes. Medical students can view the current published calendar at the bottom of the page here: <https://iuhealthcpe.org/web/bls> Calendars are published approximately 6 weeks prior to new month.*

Q: How do students register for a class?

A: *Medical students can register via IU Health Center for Physician Education (CPE) website here <https://iuhealthcpe.org/web/bls>. Login using the same username and password used for completing onboarding and annual mandatory education modules.*

Q: I am an incoming medical student and am not able to register for a class using the instructions above?

A: *Incoming medical students will be scheduled in group sessions by signing up via the communicated instructions provided by the IUSOM MSE admissions office.*

Q: Can a medical student complete my BLS training utilizing IU Health's RQI?

A: *No. At this time plans to integrate medical students in to the RQI system will be forthcoming and more information will be available in late 2020.*

Q: Can training be done online?

A: *Yes, the American Heart Association (AHA) on-line courses requires the individual to attend an in-person check-off with an AHA instructor. https://www.onlineaha.org/course_format. IU Health **does not** offer an online option and attendees would be required to pay to attend an online AHA course. Students electing to enroll in an AHA online course may complete the skills check off at IU Health at no cost. To schedule a skills check off please select email ecc@iuhealth.org. Prior to scheduling you must provide proof of successful completion of online portion.*

Q: Is American Heart Association (AHA) the only approved training program accepted?

A: *Yes. IU Health policy requires that all BLS, ACLS, and PALS certifications must be completed by an AHA approved training center. ATLS and NRP are completed by program instructors credentialed to train for those certifications. ([Click here for examples of acceptable and non-acceptable cards](#))*

Q: How long are the BLS classes?

A: *BLS class is approximately 4 hours*

Q: When should expiring certifications be completed?

A: *All certifications must be current, and maintained, while a current medical student at IU Health in order to prevent disruption of training privileges. Typically the course calendar is published about 6 weeks prior to start of a new month and advanced courses fill up quickly.*

Q: What happens if a certification expires?

A: *Any provider with an invalid or expired certification will placed in a three tier corrective action process with escalation* of non-compliance resulting in suspension of system privileges and training access at IU Health facilities until current certification is provided. *See Policy Addendum 2 for non-compliance remediation.*





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Q: Does training have to be completed at IU Health?

A: No, training can be completed at any AHA approved training facility at the expense of the attendee. Medical Students from the IUSM currently training at, or incoming, to IU Health facilities can complete their BLS through IU Health ERTI department (Wile Hall Methodist) at no cost for the course.

Q: Can training be done at another IU Health facility besides Methodist?

A: No. Currently, the ERTI Program at Methodist is the only IU Health clinical education department that will complete the training at no expense to medical students. (*does not include materials)*

Q: Can training be done elsewhere?

A: Yes. As long as the training is completed by an AHA approved training center. Non-AHA certifications will not be accepted. ([Click here for examples of acceptable and non-acceptable cards](#))

Q: What are the certification requirements?

A: ALL medical students must have a current AHA BLS certificate.

Q: If I have ACLS/PALS why do I need BLS?

A: BLS curriculum has specific basic resuscitation components not taught in the advanced courses. While BLS is a recommendation of the AHA prior to taking ACLS or PALS it is not a requirement; however, IU Health requires all medical students at minimum obtain, and maintain, an AHA BLS.

Q: My BLS training was not completed at an AHA Certified Training Facility. Is it still acceptable?

A: No. IU Health has an organizational standard and policy requires AHA BLS, ACLS, and PALS certification.

Q: I've completed my course. Who should I provide a copy of my certification?

A: Medical Students should upload a copy of your current AHA BLS certification to your profile in the IU Health CPE website to ensure timely notification of compliance to IU Health. Log on to your profile at <https://iuhealthcpe.org/>

Q: Is there required pre-course work for the classes?

*A: **No**, BLS does not require pre-work.*

Q: There are no available classes that fit my schedule on the calendar. Is there a waitlist?

*A: **No**, current medical students* with expiring credentials will be able to maintain their training privileges as long as they are scheduled for an IU Health upcoming training course. Students can continue to monitor course calendar for cancellations. If no cancellations occur students are welcome to arrive early to a scheduled class session and **request permission** to attend class if a registered attendee no shows or is a late cancellation.*

For any other questions: Please contact The Center for Physician Education at 317-962-2222 or email at docs@iuhealth.org. Also check out: <https://iuhealthcpe.org/web/bls/> for more information.

