



FAQ: IU Health Residents, Fellow's and Medical Student Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Policy

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

A: Current and incoming residents, fellows, and students* of the IUSM are eligible to participate in the no cost resuscitation training at IU Health. *Students are eligible to complete advanced certification training if matched to an IUSM residency program.

Is there a schedule available to share with residents/students?

A: Yes. Residents, fellows, and 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: Residents, fellows, and 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 annual mandatory education modules.

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 email ecc@iuhealth.org. 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 classes?

A: BLS class is approximately 4 hours | ACLS/PALS **initial** training is 2 full days | ACLS/PALS **renewal** is 1 full day.

Q: When should expiring certifications be completed?

A: All certifications must be current, and maintained, while a current medical student, resident or fellow 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.

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. Residents, Fellows and Medical Students from the IUSM currently training at, or incoming, to IU Health facilities can complete their BLS and applicable ACLS or PALS through IU Health ERTI department (Wile Hall Methodist) at no cost for the





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course (textbooks not included and may be purchased or may be borrowed through ERTI program. Availability is limited.).

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 residents, fellows, or 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 residents, fellows and medical students must have a current AHA BLS certificate. Residency and Fellowship Programs that have additional advanced certification requirements as mandated by the ACGME or the specific program requirements are required to be maintained while at IU Health. See Policy Appendix A for requirements by program.

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 residents, fellows and medical students at minimum obtain, and maintain, an AHA BLS.

Q: Some programs residents or fellows have no patient exposure or bed side care. Is BLS still a requirement?

A: Yes. ALL residents, fellows and medical students are required at minimum to maintain an AHA BLS certification.

Q: Some programs have residents that are non-physicians. Is BLS still a requirement?

A: Yes. ALL residents, fellows and medical students are required at minimum to maintain an AHA BLS certification.

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: Residents and fellows please provide a copy to your residency/fellowship coordinator to update this information in MedHub. Medical Students please provide a copy to the IUSM Continuing Medical Education (CME) office to ensure it is documented in their system. You may also upload a copy of your current 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. **Yes**, ACLS and PALS both require pre-work. ACLS and PALS Training guides can be borrowed through the ERTI. Availability is limited. For more information on the Emergency Cardiovascular Care Program (ECC) please visit: <http://ems.iuhealthlearning.org/ECC/ecc.html>

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.



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