



Program Standards

Program Name:	Advanced Cardiac Life Support
Intended Audience: Community and Workplace	Emergency personnel in intensive care or critical care departments and emergency medical providers.
Prerequisites:	Training and/or education in basic cardiac rhythm analysis (ECG interpretation). Professional-level Basic Life Support (BLS/CPR/AED) required or included in ACLS course.
ASHI-approved Training Materials:	ASHI ACLS Student Handbook, <i>ACLS Quick Review Study Guide</i> , Third Ed. Aehlert. Elsevier®2007 (one per participant), ASHI ACLS Resource Guide (one per Training Center) and ASHI approved ACLS audio-visual presentation media (PowerPoint® and/or DVD/VHS and/or Computer Resident/Web-Based)
Recommended Initial Instruction Time:	16 hours
Recommended Renewal Instruction Time:	8 hours (for healthcare providers with a strong background in cardiac rhythms and medications who practice ACLS on a regular basis)
Maximum Student-to-Instructor Ratio:	10:1 (8:1 recommended)
Student-to-Equipment Ratio:	3:1
Successful Completion: (Certification)	Written exam: Required (82% or better). Performance Evaluation: Working as a group leader in a team setting, competently direct the initial emergency care for respiratory/cardiac arrest and management of the patient with a pulse.
Card Issued	ACLS certification card
Certification Period:	Up to 2 years. Recommended annually.
Note(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Instructors bear responsibility of ensuring that each participant meets the core knowledge and skill objectives for successful completion.•Recommended instruction time may be reduced via self-instruction, blended learning.