

DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMS PROGRAMS

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Dear Student:

Thank you for participating in the American Heart Association Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) Certification Course. Carefully read all the information below to ensure a fun and successful training.

Because the ACLS Course covers extensive material in a short time, training will begin promptly. Plan to arrive early because it will be difficult for late students to catch up once we start. Students are expected to attend and participate in the entire course.

Location:

DCC South Campus: 31 Marshall Road, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590

Pre-course Requirements:

1. Obtain a copy of the *American Heart Association ACLS Provider Student Manual (2015 Edition)*. It is essential that you bring your *ACLS Provider Manual* to class; you will need it during each lesson in the course. Books can be purchased at the North Campus Bookstore in Dutchess Hall (845) 431-8080. Or, you can make your purchase on line at www.bkstr.com/dutchessccstore (Department = OCS).
2. Complete the Pre-course Preparation Checklist that came with your *ACLS Provider Manual*. Bring the checklist with you to the course.
3. Review and understand the information in your *ACLS Provider Manual*. Pay particular attention to the cases in Part 5.
4. Complete the **mandatory** Pre-course Self-Assessment on the Student Website (www.heart.org/eccstudent). You will find the code to access the student website at the beginning of the *ACLS Provider Manual*. **You will not be taught ACLS pharmacology or ECGs interpretations needed to pass this course.** Use this assessment to identify areas where you need to increase your knowledge.
5. Print your scores (certificate) for the Pre-course Self-Assessment and bring them with you to class. A passing score is 70% or higher is needed but you can take it multiple times.
6. Know your BLS Skills! You will be tested on adult high-quality BLS skills at the beginning of the ACLS Course. You will not be taught how to do CPR or use an AED.

If you are attending an ACLS Provider RENEWAL class, you must bring your current certification with an expiration dated no more than 60 days before the class.

What to Bring and What to Wear

Bring your *ACLS Provider Manual* to each class. You will need it during each class as we will reference it often. You may wish to purchase the AHA's *2015 Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care for Healthcare Providers* (optional), which you may bring to the course to use as a reference guide during some of the stations in the course.

Wear loose, comfortable clothing to class. You will be practicing skills that require you to work on your hands and knees, and the course requires bending, standing, and lifting. If you have any physical condition that might prevent you from engaging in these activities, please tell an instructor. The instructor may be able to adjust the equipment if you have back, knee, or hip problems.

We look forward to welcoming you soon. If you have any questions about the course, don't hesitate to contact our office at 845-790-3620 or email david.kurpick@sunydutchess.edu.

Sincerely,

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