

# DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMS PROGRAMS

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Dear Student:

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

Because the PALS 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 PALS Provider Student Manual (2015 Edition)*. It is essential that you bring your *PALS 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](http://www.bkstr.com/dutchessccstore) (Department = OCS).
2. Review and understand the information in your *PALS Provider Manual* and on the Student Website. Pay particular attention to the systematic approach to pediatric assessment, the evaluate-identify-intervene sequence, and the management of respiratory and circulatory abnormalities.
3. Complete the **mandatory** Pre-course Self-Assessment on the Student Website ([www.heart.org/eccstudent](http://www.heart.org/eccstudent)). You will find the code to access the student website at the beginning of the *PALS Provider Manual*. **You will not be taught ALS pharmacology or ECGs interpretations needed to pass this course.** This test consists of 3 sections: ECG rhythm identification, pharmacology, and practical application. Use this assessment to identify areas where you need to increase your knowledge.
4. 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.
5. Be familiar with the PALS algorithms and flowcharts so that you can apply them to clinical scenarios. Note that the PALS Course does not present the detail of each algorithm.
6. Know your BLS Skills! You will be tested on high-quality BLS skills at the beginning of the PALS Course. You will not be taught how to do CPR or use an AED.

**If you are attending a PALS 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 *PALS Provider Manual* to each class. You will need it during each class as we will reference it often. You may refer to the *2015 Handbook of Emergency Cardiovascular Care for Healthcare Providers* (optional), and you may bring it to the course to use as a reference 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](mailto:david.kurpick@sunydutchess.edu).

Sincerely,

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