

ACLS CD Description
Heartcode ACLS Anywhere

ACLS-CD Class

This class allows the participants who have completed the American Heart Association's **HeartCode ACLS Anywhere** online instructional program to finish the ACLS experience.

The AHA's *Heartcode ACLS Anywhere* is a self-directed learning program consisting of two parts. The first part is the CD-based cognitive component that allows users to work through the ACLS training curriculum at their own pace. The second part is the skills verification process, which the Education Services has dubbed, **ACLS-CD classes**. This skills verification part consists of the following:

One-rescuer adult CPR with AED

Successful management of arrest scenario, which includes VT/VF and 2 other rhythms (Mega-Code)

During the patient scenario, appropriate airway management must be demonstrated and is to include:

- Safe and adequate patient ventilation with a BVM
- Recognition of need for advanced airway management
- Primary and secondary confirmation of tube placement

4. If within the scope of practice or job requirement of the participant, endotracheal intubation is to be demonstrated.

There is no deposit or cost for this completion component of the **Heartcode ACLS Anywhere** program for Duke employees. There is however, a \$50 fee for non Duke participants. The ACLS CD module is offered on a PRN basis. Please call 684-6578 or 684-6540 to arrange a time.

Details of the AHA's *HeartCode ACLS Anywhere* online instructional program:

What is on the CD?

HeartCode ACLS Anywhere contains all the lessons from the ACLS texts as well as convenient references. Providers can review all the material from start to finish or focus on particular review topics.

HeartCode ACLS Anywhere uses microsimulation technology to present realistic patient scenarios. Students are presented with cases and interact with the program to assess the patient, formulate a treatment plan based on ACLS guidelines, and provide treatment. The patient will react according to the treatment provided. Upon completion of a given scenario, the student is presented with a detailed debriefing, which includes an account of their actions, both correct and incorrect, and suggestions for improvement. All appropriate reference material is hyperlinked to the debriefing so a single click will take the student to the additional information needed for remediation. References available in the program include ACLS Provider Manual, ACLS: The Reference Textbook, and 2000 Guidelines for CPR and ECC.

Does the program require special computer or support software?

The program will run on most PCs. It will not run on Macintosh. Specific hardware and software requirements are described in the informational brochures.

It is important to note that the program must be completed on the computer where it is initially started. Work is saved to that computer, not to the CD.

How much does it cost/how do I obtain a copy of the CD?

The cost of HeartCode ACLS Anywhere is \$99. CD's may be purchased pre-activated from AHA Distributors (listed on the back cover of all life support books).

What happens when the computer work is completed?

When all required parts of the computer-based work are successfully completed, the student will go online to record the completion and request the certificates. Three things can be printed:

- Certificate that confirms didactic completion

- Certificate that provides the appropriate CME/CE verification

- A skills validation sheet

The certificate confirming the didactic completion and the skills validation sheet are taken to the AHA ACLS Training Center where the student has arranged for a skills check session.

Users of this program will continue to have access to the cases, the lessons, and the reference materials until the 32 hours have been used.

How long, after the completion of the didactic work, does a student have to complete the skills check?

Arrangements need to be made to complete the skills check within 120 days (4 months) after program completion with any designated AHA Training Center.

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