

Q & A's

Question: I have an (ACLS/PALS) certification. Do I still need to take BLS?

Answer: This is best answered by your director at your place of employment, as they may have more strict requirements than the American Heart Association.

Question: My ACLS/PALS card is expiring in the next few months. How far in advance may I take a recertification course?

Answer: To calculate this for your individual situation, please keep in mind the following:

- Upon recertification, the new card will be valid for two years from the *date of the recertification course*, so the date will most likely be different than that of your last card.
- Please be aware that in order to take the recertification course, you must have a current (non expired) provider card. If your ACLS card expires before the course, then you will have to retake the initial (2 day) course, or schedule for a Heartcode course. ***(Please note that the heartcode option may not be covered by your employer.)***

Question: When I registered for a course, it said I needed to bring a book to the course. Where do I obtain a book?

Answer: Yes, you are required to bring a book to the course, per AHA requirements. Those without a book will not be allowed to complete the course and will have to reschedule. If your employer has an education center, you may check with them to see if they have books available for check out. NWTH employees may sign out a book at the NWTH Human Resource desk on the first floor.

You may also purchase your own book. Here is a list of the BLS, ACLS, and PALS books that are available through Channing Bete, an authorized distributor of AHA products/supplies.

You may also check with Amarillo College bookstore to see if they might have one to buy, if you have more of an immediate need for one.

BLS	https://shop.aha.channing-bete.com/onlinestore/storeitem.html?iid=183331&cid=136120	Approx. \$13.25
ACLS	https://shop.aha.channing-bete.com/onlinestore/storeitem.html?iid=183374&cid=136118	Approx. \$36.95
PALS	https://shop.aha.channing-bete.com/onlinestore/storeitem.html?iid=183558&cid=136121	Approx. \$42.50

Question: I was able to obtain a book, but I don't have a reference card. Can I buy those individually?

Answer: Channing Bete sells ACLS and PALS pocket reference cards (see links below). The reference cards also come with the Provider manual as a package at the links above.

BLS	Not sold individually	N/A
ACLS	https://shop.aha.channing-bete.com/onlinestore/storeitem.html?iid=183376	Approx. \$13.25 (set of 2)
PALS	https://shop.aha.channing-bete.com/onlinestore/storeitem.html?iid=183552	Approx. \$8

Question: There are no courses for ACLS/PALS/BLS before my card expires. How can I get recertified?

Answer: We also offer HeartCode skills check-offs.

1) You will need to go to the link below to purchase and take the Online Test for the class, and then ***print out your certificate and bring it in with you when you take the skills portion.***

https://elearning.heart.org/courses?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=acls%20classes&utm_campaign=Courses%20-%20HeartCode&gclid=CjwKCAjwpeXeBRA6EiwAyoJKJOLJPu7YFTChRZ3yTUXHHphCiu5Umvza8S9iUrU8wiftBiZM8-imxoCGncQAvD_BwE

Screenshot of the HeartCode courses at link above (prices subject to change):

Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)

HeartCode® ACLS Price: \$132.00 **ADD TO CART**

This self-directed, comprehensive eLearning program uses eSimulation technology to allow students to assess and treat patients in virtual healthcare settings. [Learn More »](#)

COURSE DETAILS CME/CE credits offered Hands-On Session

Basic Life Support (BLS)

HeartCode® BLS Price: \$28.50 **ADD TO CART**

The eLearning component of BLS blended learning, this course uses a variety of eLearning assets such as dramatizations, eSimulations, animations, self-directed learning, and interactive activities to teach students BLS knowledge and skills. [Learn More »](#)

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Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)

HeartCode® PALS Price: \$132.00 **ADD TO CART**

A self-directed program that uses eSimulation technology to teach healthcare providers knowledge and skills needed to recognize and prevent cardiopulmonary arrest in infants and children. [Learn More »](#)

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2) After you have completed the online test, and when you are ready to schedule your skills check-off portion, go to our website under and submit your information (along with a few choices of when you might be available to come in), under “Schedule a Heartcode skill checkoff”. Upon receipt, one of our instructors will contact you to schedule a time that is convenient for you to test your skills. You will need to bring a provider manual with you.

3) The price for the skills check off portion is listed below the drop down box. We accept cash[exact amount], check, or credit card. We do not have a way to give you change, so please bring exact amount.

If you are a NWTH employee, the HeartCode course / skills check off will not be covered by NWTH, so it is best to plan in advance to get into a course before your certification expires.