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American Red Cross

The American Heart Association recognizes content-equivalent American Red Cross (ARC) provider courses as prerequisites to AHA provider renewal and initial instructor courses. The ARC card must be current. See attachment for course comparisons.

BLS instructors for the ARC can become instructors of the content-equivalent level for the AHA. An ARC instructor who wishes to become an AHA instructor must present a valid ARC instructor card and documentation of at least one course taught as an ARC instructor. To receive designation as an AHA instructor, the ARC instructor must (1) become affiliated with an AHA Training Center (TC), (2) complete an instructor orientation conducted by the TC, (3) competently demonstrate skills performance, and (4) successfully teach the AHA course, as monitored by the TC. After completion of these steps, the TC will issue the appropriate instructor card, dated when these requirements are completed.

An individual who holds and wishes to maintain instructor status in both organizations must satisfy the requirements of both organizations. It is not permissible to issue both AHA and ARC course completion cards to students for a single course of instruction. It is further not permissible to mix AHA and ARC teaching materials in teaching a course.

Military Training Network

Since 1984 the AHA has recognized the Military Training Network (MTN) for Resuscitative Medicine Programs as an equivalent to an AHA ECC region. The MTN coordinates resuscitative medicine programs for the uniformed services. The Department of Defense (DoD) Health Council at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) established these programs for the uniformed services. The MTN is equivalent to a National Training Center.

MTN provider cards are recognized for employment only within DoD satellites. These cards do not bear the AHA logo. MTN cards should be recognized by civilian or non-DoD facilities when training DoD personnel. Non-DoD facilities should require an AHA provider card from individuals seeking employment. The MTN may also issue AHA provider cards that are equivalent to those from other AHA regions or TCs.

The AHA recognizes MTN provider courses as prerequisites to AHA provider renewal and initial instructor courses in the same discipline. The MTN card must be current. If a person with an MTN provider card needs an AHA provider card for employment outside the military network, he may attend the discipline-specific renewal course.

The MTN issues AHA Instructor and Instructor-Trainer cards. MTN instructors or instructor-trainers who wish to teach outside the MTN must align with a TC and meet its affiliation requirements. These instructors will have a dual instructor status and will issue cards appropriate to their audiences. MTN instructors or ITs must meet all TC and MTN training requirements to maintain their status. All courses count toward teaching requirements in both systems.

The MTN appoints Affiliate Faculty rather than Regional Faculty. Reciprocity does not apply to Affiliate Faculty appointments.

American Red Cross Course / AHA Course Comparison

Skills Included					ARC Course Name	ARC Certificates issued (code)	AHA Equivalent
Adult CPR	A E D	Child CPR	Infant CPR	First Aid			
X	X			X	Standard First Aid with AED	Standard First Aid (3207); Adult CPR/AED (3241)	Heartsaver FACTS
X	X	X	X		Adult CPR/AED + Infant & Child CPR	Adult CPR/AED (3241); Infant & Child CPR (3210)	Heartsaver with AED; Heartsaver AED with Pediatric CPR
X		X	X		Adult CPR + Infant & Child CPR	Adult CPR (3212); Infant & Child CPR (3210)	Heartsaver CPR
		X	X		Infant & Child CPR	Infant & Child CPR (3210)	Pediatric Heartsaver CPR
X	X				Adult CPR/AED	Adult CPR/AED (3241)	Heartsaver AED
X					Adult CPR	Adult CPR (3212)	Adult Heartsaver CPR
X		X	X		Community CPR (Community First Aid and Safety Program)	Adult, Child and Infant CPR	Heartsaver CPR
X	X	X	X		CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer	CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer	BLS for Healthcare Providers

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