

# Training Bulletin: 2016 BLS Instructor Course Interim Requirements

## CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular Care

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| <b>Date of Release</b>                                  | March 1, 2016  |
| <b>Purpose</b>  | To provide updated direction for program management of the AHA BLS Instructor Course.  |
| <b>General Information</b>                              | <p>The AHA has developed a BLS Instructor Course Interim Faculty Guide, interim BLS Instructor Candidate Workbook, and updated BLS Instructor Exams that will aid in providing quality and consistency in instructor training. The interim materials are to be used as a guide for Instructor Courses. Instructor Course interim materials will be released with each product course launch and will be available on the Instructor Network for Training Center Coordinators.</p> <p>Although the AHA will allow Training Centers and instructors to use unused inventory of Instructor Essentials, it is not recommended because the Instructor Essentials courses contain outdated material. The BLS Instructor Essentials online course will be discontinued and no longer available after April 15, 2016.</p>  |
| <b>Requirements for Faculty and Current Instructors</b> | <p><b>Faculty</b></p> <p>To maintain consistency in the training of new instructors, all Training Center Faculty and Regional Faculty must meet the following requirements before teaching their first Instructor Course after the release of updated materials for each course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Complete the appropriate discipline-specific 2015 Guidelines Science Instructor Update and Product and Course Orientation.</li><li>2. Review the Instructor Course Interim Faculty Guide and Lesson Plans for that discipline.</li></ol> <p><b>Current Instructors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The AHA does not require instructors to complete any components of the new Instructor Courses to maintain current instructor status.</li><li>• Instructors who add a new discipline will be required to complete all components of the Instructor Course for the discipline they are adding.</li><li>• Training Center Coordinators can require instructors to complete any component of the new Instructor Courses to ensure consistency within the Training Center.</li></ul> |

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| <b>Requirements for Instructor Candidates</b> | <p>For successful completion, instructor candidates must</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Be accepted by an AHA Training Center before enrolling in an Instructor Course and have a completed Instructor Candidate Application on file with that Training Center</li><li>2. Have current AHA provider status in the discipline for the associated Instructor Course and be proficient in all the skills of that discipline</li><li>3. Successfully complete the discipline-specific classroom Faculty-led Instructor Course</li><li>4. Successfully be monitored teaching their first course within 6 months after completing the discipline-specific classroom Instructor Course (Training Center Coordinators can require additional monitoring if needed)</li></ol> |
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