

## IV THERAPY AND BLOOD WITHDRAWAL CERTIFICATION FOR LVNs

Q. Are you a certified provider through the California Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians?

A. Yes we are. You can see us listed on the BVNPT's website [here](#).

Q. Do I get any CEHs from this course?

A. You will receive 36 CEHs for this course.

Q. How many days long is this course?

A. Compliant with the BVNPT's guidelines, all 36 hours of this class are done under supervision at our facilities over the course of three consecutive days, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, in order to complete this course in a single weekend as opposed to broken up over multiple weekends. Each day runs from 7:30am – 7:30pm. There is not any home study or homework included in this course.

Q. Will I receive a certificate of completion?

A. Yes, upon course completion you will receive a certificate of completion for your records.

Q. How do I send off the paperwork to the State to let them know I took this course?

A. You won't have to! We will send out copies of all necessary paperwork to the State notifying them that you took this certification course. You will be given the original copies of this paperwork. The paperwork should be processed within 2-3 weeks. Your status as IV Therapy and Blood Withdrawal certified will appear on the LVN Board's website after this time and will be included on your actual license when next renewed.

Q. Does this certification expire?

A. No. This certification is valid for as long as you are a practicing LVN.

Q. Will I have to start an IV on a live person in this course?

A. Yes, you will be required to perform 3 live sticks on a fellow student on the third day of this course as well as 3 finger sticks. You will also be stuck by a fellow student in this course.

Q. What if I cannot be stuck for testing?

A. You can bring a proxy to be stuck in your place if you cannot participate in this portion of this course.

Q. How much is this course?

A. Our IV Therapy and Blood Withdrawal Certification course for LVNs is \$250.00.

Q. Can I take the IV Certification course if I have not yet graduated nursing school.

A. Yes, you can take the IV Certification course as long as you are in school to become an LVN, or you have taken the State Boards and do not yet have your VN number. Upon course completion, you will be issued a temporary certificate that can be shown to your employer or potential employer. Your actual certificate will be issued once you supply us with your California state issued LVN number, and the appropriate paperwork will be sent to you and submitted to the state. You will keep the original for documentation purposes, and GMEC will keep a copy for two years should you ever need a copy in case the original is lost or damaged.

Q. Do I need to have experience in either IV Therapy or Blood Withdrawal before taking this course?

A. No, the course curriculum ranges from novice to intermediate skill sets. This course builds the skill set and confidence in the workplace for any LVN.

#### IV THERAPY AND BLOOD WITHDRAWAL FOR RNs

Q. Do I get any CEHs from this course?

A. You will receive 20 CEHs for this course.

Q. How many days long is this course?

A. This course is a two day course, always on a consecutive Friday and Saturday.

Q. What time does this course start?

A. This course runs from 7:30am – 5:30pm.

Q. Since I am an RN, am I required to take an IV Therapy and Blood Withdrawal course?

A. RN's are not required to take an IV certification and Blood Withdrawal course by the state, but are often asked to do so by their employer. Many RN's opt to take the course simply for the additional knowledge, experience, and self-confidence that they will receive. Areas of IV Therapy and Blood Withdrawal covered thoroughly in this combined class include: methods for performing IV therapy/blood withdrawal, basic IV review, and advanced theory (maintaining PICC lines, central lines, pumps, etc.).

Q. Will I receive a certificate of completion?

A. Yes, upon course completion you will receive a certificate of completion for your records.

Q. Will I have to start an IV on a live person in this course?

A. Yes, you will be required to perform 3 live sticks on a fellow student on the second day of this course as well as 3 finger sticks. You will also be stuck by a fellow student in this course.

Q. What if I cannot be stuck for testing?

A. You can bring a proxy to be stuck in your place if you cannot participate in this portion of this course.

Q. How much is this course?

A. Our IV Therapy Course is \$250.00

Q. Do I need to have experience in either IV Therapy or Blood Withdrawal before taking this course?

A. No, the course curriculum ranges from novice to intermediate skill sets. This course builds the skill set and confidence in the workplace for any RN.

#### AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION ACLS CERTIFICATION AND RENEWAL

Q. How long is this course?

A. For certification, this is a one day course, 8am – 6pm, with 3.5 hours of home study via CD included in the student manual. For renewal, this course runs from 10am – 6pm with no home study.

Q. When will I get my card?

A. On site, same day.

Q. How long is this card good for?

A. This American Heart Association card is valid for 2 years from the date of your course.

Q. What kinds of Healthcare Professionals are suited for your ACLS Courses?

A. Our American Heart Association ACLS courses are ideal for medical providers such as physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, respiratory therapists, and many other medical professionals who may respond to a cardiovascular emergency.

Q. Is your ACLS course stressful?

A. No, it is not. We utilize state-of-the-art equipment, extremely knowledgeable instructors, and comfortable facilities to ensure a Low-Stress experience for all students.

Q. How often is this course offered?

A. Every other Wednesday, and every other Saturday.

Q. Will I need a manual for this course?

A. Yes, you will need a manual for this course. They are available through GMEC if you do not already possess a manual or cannot borrow one.

Q. Will I receive CEHs for this course?

A. RNs receive 10 CEHs for certification, and 8 for renewal. The BVNPT has determined that ACLS is not within an LVN's scope of practice and therefore do not receive CEHs for this course.

Q. How long in advance should I register for this course?

A. At least one week if are purchasing a manual from us to allow time for shipping. To ensure that there are spaces available, we recommend at least two weeks in advance. There is no cost to reschedule to a later date.

Q. Who is the instructor?

A. Sherri Birdsall has been a practicing RN in California for over thirty years and understands the importance of a low-stress, relevant ACLS course.

#### AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION EKG ARRHYTHMIA INTERPRETATION AND PHARMACOLOGY

Q. Why should I take this course?

A. This American Heart Association course focuses on the identification and understanding of key arrhythmias and the pharmacology associated with running a Mega-Code. This course is often taken by individuals who would like to be better prepared for the American Heart ACLS Course.

Q. Do we run a Mega-Code in this course?

A. Yes, you will run a mock Mega-Code in this course where you are encouraged to express any questions and concerns to better understand the overall process and experience.

Q. When is this course offered?

A. This American Heart Association course is offered every other Friday immediately preceding an ACLS course.

Q. How long is this course?

A. This course runs from 8am – 4pm.

Q. Do you get a card after completing this course?

A. You will receive a certificate of completion upon successful course completion. As an RN or LVN, you are not required to be certified in this course, but many employers ask their nurses to take this American Heart course for their resumes.

Q. Does the certificate expire?

A. This certificate does not expire for as long as you are a practicing nurse.

Q. Will I receive CEHs for this course?

A. RN's will receive 4 CEHs for this course. LVNs will not receive any CEHs for this course according to the BVNPT's view that ECG is not part of an LVN's scope of practice.

Q. How much is this course?

A. This course is \$145.00. This includes your manual. If you would like to receive your manual prior to your course date, please call our offices to request this service.

#### AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION BLS CPR CERTIFICATION FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Q. Is this the CPR card that my employer will accept?

A. This is an American Heart Association course which is the CPR standard for healthcare providers in California.

Q. How long is my card good for?

A. This card is valid for 2 years.

Q. How much is this course?

A. This certification course is \$45.00. You must have a manual for this course according to American Heart Guidelines. If you do not already possess a BLS Student manual, you can purchase them through GMEC.

Q. What time does the course start?

A. Our BLS CPR certification course runs from 9am – 1pm. The renewal course runs from 1pm – 3pm. These courses are offered every Tuesday.

Q. When will I receive my card?

A. You will receive your card on site, same day.

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A. This is an American Heart Association course which is the CPR standard for healthcare providers in California.

Q. How long is my card good for?

A. This card is valid for 2 years.

Q. How much is this course?

A. This course is \$40.00. You must have a manual for this course according to American Heart Guidelines. If you do not already possess a BLS Student manual, you can purchase them through GMEC.

Q. What time does the course start?

A. Our BLS CPR certification course runs from 1pm – 3pm. The renewal course runs from 1pm – 3pm. These courses are offered every Tuesday.

Q. When will I receive my card?

A. You will receive your card on site, same day.