



What is PHTLS?

The *Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)* course is a unique continuing education program created in recognition of the real need in EMS education for additional training in the handling of trauma patients. This indispensable program is designed to enhance and increase knowledge and skill in delivering critical care in the prehospital environment.

What is so special about the PHTLS course?

It's proven. The PHTLS course provides an opportunity to improve the **quality** of trauma care and has been shown to improve mortality and morbidity tests.

It's critical thinking. *PHTLS* promotes **critical thinking** as the foundation for providing quality care. PHTLS has always believed that, given a good fund of knowledge and key principles, EMT's are capable of making reasoned decisions regarding patient care.

It's easy to implement. Enhanced instructor materials and support from an integrated, **worldwide** network of PHTLS coordinators allow you to focus more energy on teaching and less time on administration.

It's authoritative. This leading course is developed by leaders in the field - the **National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT)** and the **American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma**.

It's inclusive. The PHTLS course is now structured to include participation of basic and advanced prehospital care providers, nurses and physicians.

It's current. The PHTLS course has been **updated and revised** to keep up with advances in the field, **ATLS Guidelines** and feedback from **PHTLS participants**.

It's flexible. The PHTLS course can be **incorporated** into initial EMT training, offered as refresher training, or as a stand-alone course.

It's consistent. The backing and support of an **international** organization ensures consistency in all PHTLS programs.

It's rewarding. The PHTLS course helps First Responders, EMTs and paramedics earn **continuing education** credits. CE credit is also available for nurses and physicians.

It supports the profession. Proceeds from the PHTLS program go directly to the NAEMT for support of its mission.

It's big. **Hundreds of thousands** of EMTs, paramedics, nurses, and physicians throughout the world - civilian and military - have taken the PHTLS course and are now better prepared to treat severely injured trauma patients.

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