

# American Heart Association PALS Learning Contract



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The American Heart Association strongly promotes knowledge and proficiency in emergency cardiovascular care and has developed instructional materials for this purpose. Use of these materials in an educational course does not represent course sponsorship by the American Heart Association and any fees charged for such a course do not represent income to the association.

The PALS course consists of classroom and skills learning and testing activities that may include physical strain, possibility of cross-infection or emotional stress. If you have a medical problem that limits your activity, you may want to consult your physician before participating. If you have any type of infectious disease, temperature, cold or flu, have any open sores, or other concerns, you should reschedule your class for a time when you are well. Equipment used in this course may contain or have been exposed to latex. Please notify the LifeLink office before class and the Lead Instructor immediately before the start of class if you have a latex allergy.

## American Heart Association Course Prerequisites

To attend a PALS class you must be proficient and understand ECG interpretation, emergency pharmacology, the 12 PALS core cases and the PALS algorithms before class. In addition, you must have an AHA BLS for Healthcare Providers' card (Dated July 1, 2006 or later that meets the 2005 ECC guidelines) or have proficiency in basic life support and without prompting be able to perform high-quality CPR and use an AED according to the 2005 ECC Guidelines (Effective July 1, 2006). Each student must also complete the Precourse Self-Assessment Test that's located on the CD-ROM inside your course guidebook. Once you complete the test, score your answer sheet and bring it with you to class. You must give your scored Precourse Self-Assessment Test answer sheet and this original signed Learning Contract to the Lead Instructor before class starts. If you cannot access the CD-ROM's features, you may complete and score the Written Precourse Self-Assessment that's provided in your study packet.

Please verify each item below by placing your initials in the space provided.

- \_\_\_\_ I have proficiency in basic life support and without prompting am able to perform high-quality CPR and use an AED according to the 2005 ECC Guidelines (Effective July 1, 2006).
- \_\_\_\_ I have read and understand each of the current PALS algorithms and flowcharts.
- \_\_\_\_ I am able to identify each of the ECG rhythms in the current PALS algorithms.
- \_\_\_\_ I understand the use and administration of each medication in the current PALS algorithms.
- \_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the 12 core cases presented in the PALS guide book.
- \_\_\_\_ I have completed the Precourse Self-Assessment Test and attached my scored answer sheet.

I understand the need for significant precourse preparation, and understand that without adequate precourse preparation I may not successfully complete the PALS Course. I agree to return my loaner textbook with its enclosed CD-ROM in the same condition that I received them no later than the end of my class or when requested. I understand that I am not eligible for a course completion card unless I successfully complete all course requirements, including attendance and participation in all classroom and skills learning and testing activities, have paid or made arrangements for payment of my course and/or other fees and have returned all loaner materials.

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Student Signature

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Date

**① Submit the original of this completed form and a copy of your scored Precourse Self-Assessment Test answer sheet to the Lead Instructor before class starts.**