

## CPR & Emergency Cardiovascular Care

<b>Date of Release</b>	February 16, 2016
<b>Purpose</b>	To provide direction and information on the 2016 instructor-led Basic Life Support (BLS) Course.
<b>General Information</b>	<p>The instructor-led BLS Course has been updated to meet the recommendations in the <i>2015 AHA Guidelines Update for CPR and ECC</i>. The AHA has developed new BLS course materials that will aid in providing quality and consistency in all BLS courses.</p> <p>The new BLS Course replaces the BLS for Healthcare Providers (BLS HCP) and BLS for Prehospital Providers (BLS PHP) courses.</p>
<b>Course Information for Training Centers and Instructors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective April 16, 2016, only new course materials can be used for conducting all BLS courses.</li> <li>• The instructor-led BLS Course can be taught by current BLS Instructors. Instructors must complete the 2015 Guidelines Science Instructor Update Course available on the Instructor Network or attend an AHA-conducted 2015 Guidelines Science Instructor Update before teaching new course materials.</li> <li>• Training Centers and instructors may continue to use previous stock and all interim materials posted on the Instructor Network through April 15, 2016.</li> <li>• Appropriate course completion cards must be issued for the course materials being used. If the old BLS materials are used, the old card must be issued. If the new BLS materials are used, the new card must be issued.</li> <li>• All BLS Instructors must have a current copy of the <i>BLS Instructor Manual</i>, per the <i>Program Administration Manual</i>.</li> <li>• Instructors are strongly encouraged to complete the BLS Product and Course Orientation available on the Instructor Network. The BLS Product and Course Orientation was created to aid instructors in understanding the new course design and teaching strategies.</li> </ul>