

Interested in becoming an American Heart Association (AHA) instructor? Let me explain the process for the AHA and to teach here under our Training Center.

The AHA has set forth criteria for instructors and training centers through their [Program Administrative Manual \(PAM\)](#), page 7 PAM. Basically they require a written contract with each Training Center (TC), page 15 PAM, and insurance for all who teach AHA classes under the TC, page 16 PAM. Since we teach advanced and basic classes we must demonstrate a minimum 1-million dollar general liability insurance policy. For our TC it only covers you if you are representing and being paid to represent Lake-Sumter EMS (LSEMS). Consequently we cannot accept non-LSEMS instructors.

LSEMS does have numerous Training Sites (TS) affiliated with our TC, page 31 PAM. Each TS has requirements for who can teach under their TS provided the instructor is covered under their minimum 1-million dollar general liability insurance policy (regardless if teaching basic or advanced programs). Subsequently, we generally only accept TS that are health education oriented such as health training institutions, hospitals, and first responder organizations.

If you are interested in pursuing an opportunity to teach for our LSEMS TC, please review the following requirements; remember that each instructor candidate must be accepted by TC/TS before they can be accepted into an instructor candidate program:

#### **BLS (CPR) Instructor**

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- Possess a current BLS for Healthcare Provider card
- Current employee who has successfully completed the initial hire probation program(s)
- Clear of any remedial training programs for more than 6-months
- 1-year EMS experience
  - 1-year field experience\*, or
  - 1-year communication/dispatch experience\*

#### **Advanced (Advanced Cardiac Life Support [ACLS] or Pediatric Advanced Life Support [PALS]) Instructor**

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- Possess a current ACLS or PALS Provider card as applicable
- Current employee who has successfully completed the initial hire probation program(s)
- Clear of any remedial training programs for more than 6-months
- 2-years paramedic field experience\*
- 1-year experience as a BLS-Instructor\*\*
  - Or with further review by the Training Center Medical Director

#### **AHA Instructor transfer**

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- Present current Provider and Instructor card(s) as applicable
- Current employee who has successfully completed the initial hire probation program(s)
- Clear of any remedial training programs for more than 6-months
  - Active teaching experience with a recognized AHA TC/TS\*\*
- Complete instructor records transfer application with TC/TS

\*NB: Experience does not need to be obtained solely at LSEMS

\*\*NB: Active teaching experience is defined as more than or equal to 1-year as an AHA instructor and more than or equal to 3 provider classes.

## **AHA Instructor Candidate application process**

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1. Be sponsored by a recognized American Heart Association (AHA) Training Center (TC)/Training Site (TS).
2. Obtain a completed AHA Instructor Candidate Application signed by a TC/TS Coordinator.
3. Present a current AHA Provider card as applicable.
4. Be motivated to teach, motivated to facilitate learning, motivated to ensure the students acquire the skills necessary for successful course completion.
5. Complete the AHA Core Instructor self-learning program; textbook is provided by your corresponding TC/TS.

## **Training Sites affiliated with the Lake-Sumter EMS Training Center are:**

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- Florida Hospital Waterman: ACLS, BLS, and PALS
  - [Chuck Srock](#), Florida Hospital Waterman Clinical Educator, 352/253-3658
- Lake County Fire Rescue: ACLS and HeartCode ACLS Anywhere
  - [Chief Jack Fillman](#), Lake County Fire Rescue Assistant Chief of Administration, 352/343-9458
- Lake Sumter Community College: BLS
  - [Andrea Carlson](#), Lake Sumter Community College Adjunct Instructor, 352/793-7732
- Lake Technical Center, EMS Programs: ACLS, HeartCode ACLS Anywhere, BLS, and Online Healthcare Provider Renewal
  - [Layne Hendrickson](#), Lake Technical Center EMS Programs Director, 352/589-2250, x214
- Lake Technical Center, Health Science Education: BLS and First Aid
  - [Elise Veremakis](#), Health Science Education Chairperson, Health Science Education, 352/589-2250, x134
- Leesburg Fire Department: BLS
  - [Lieutenant Steve Allen](#), Leesburg Fire Department, 352/728-9780
- Leesburg Regional Medical Center/The Villages Regional Hospital: ACLS, BLS, and PALS
  - [Linda Ball](#), Leesburg Regional Medical Center/The Villages Regional Hospital Clinical Instructor, 352/323-5555
- South Lake Hospital: ACLS, BLS, and PALS
  - [Pat Meeker](#), South Lake Hospital Education Director, 352/241-7108
- Sumter County School System: BLS
  - [Janet Connelly](#), School Nurse Coordinator, 352/793-2315, x203

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