

## Training Memo: 2006 Training Requirements for New Science and Materials

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**Updating  
Current  
Instructors**

All instructors should complete the Science Updates by June 1, 2006 to continue teaching.

**Deadline:  
June 1, 2006**

Instructors, Training Center Faculty and Regional Faculty who do not complete a science update by June 1 do not lose their instructor status, but may not teach until they complete the update.

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**New Instructor  
Training**

There is no official moratorium on instructor courses – new instructor training can continue as needed. Note that all newly trained instructors, along with current instructors, must complete a science update prior to teaching courses based on the 2005 Guidelines.

Training Centers will use AHA Core Instructor Course to train all new instructors after June 1, 2006.

Instructor candidates will need to complete the discipline specific module after successful completion of the Instructor Core Course.

Only new BLS and HS discipline specific modules can be used after June 1, 2006.

The new ACLS and PALS discipline specific modules must be implemented no later than 90 days following instructor material product release.

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**Core Instructor  
Course**

All current instructors will need to obtain the new Core Instructor Manual, as well as the discipline specific manual for the courses that they teach. The Core Instructor Manual is the educational foundation for all American Heart Association instructors. Instructors need the Core Instructor Manual to effectively deliver the ECC courses.

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**Core Instructor Course**  
(continued) The AHA Core Instructor Course was developed to provide consistent training to instructors, providing a more uniform presentation of course materials and instructions. The 2006 discipline specific courses are being developed with the information in the Core Course as a foundation. To achieve this consistency, all current RF/TCF and instructors must complete the Core Instructor Course by July 1, 2007.

Regional Faculty and Training Center Faculty must complete the Core Instructor Course before they teach that course or the discipline specific instructor courses. Completion of the Core Instructor Course counts as credit for one course taught (in each of the instructor's disciplines) for renewal.

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**Instructor Renewals** PROAD has not officially extended instructor renewal dates. However, Training Centers may choose to conduct renewals to coincide with *Science Update sessions*. This allows Training Centers to extend the renewal date of individual instructors as necessary, up to the instructor update deadline of June 1, 2006.

Instructor Renewal requirements for the recognition period when the Core Instructor Course is completed are:

1. Teach 3 courses in the previous 2 years
  2. Attend appropriate Science update
  3. Document confirmation of current provider status by
    - a. Current card OR
    - b. Demonstrate skills and successfully completion of test
  4. Attend product orientation and update for that discipline
  5. Document successful teaching ability (Instructor Monitoring)
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**Provider Courses - Milestones** After July 1, 2006 – all courses are to be taught with new science (2005 AHA Guidelines).

- BLS and Heartsaver programs using new materials and format only
- ACLS and PALS using bridge materials.

Only the new course format and materials for PALS and ACLS can be used 90 days after their respective release.

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