

Basic Life Support

Instructions for Completing the Basic Life Support Instructor Bridge

These instructions are for instructors currently certified with the Red Cross or equivalent training organizations who wish to become certified as an American Red Cross Basic Life Support Instructor. To become an American Red Cross Basic Life Support instructor, you will need to successfully complete the online Basic Life Support Instructor Bridge by following these steps:

- **Step 1:** Meet the course prerequisites.
- Step 2: Register for the Basic Life Support Instructor Bridge at redcross.org/take-a-class.
 - Upload the required credential for approval.
- **Step 3:** Review the digital course materials.
 - Upon approval email, launch the online course.
 - **Note:** Digital course materials are provided with the online course in the Red Cross Learning Center under the Materials tab and under Instructor Candidate Resources. You may also purchase course materials at the Red Cross store.
- Step 4: Complete the course and affiliate to a Red Cross Training Provider.

Upon successful completion of the instructor bridge, candidates will receive an American Red Cross Basic Life Support Instructor certification, valid for 2 years.

Step 1: Meet the Course Prerequisites

To participate in the Basic Life Support Instructor Bridge, candidates must hold a current provider level (basic-level) certification and one of the equivalent instructor certifications from the table below.

Training Organization	Instructor Certifications accepted to participate in the BLS Instructor Bridge
American Red Cross	Advanced Life Support
	Basic Life Support
	CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers
	Emergency Medical Response
	First Aid/CPR/AED**
	Lifeguarding
	Nurse Assistant Training
	Pediatric Advanced life Support
American Heart Association*	BLS for Healthcare Providers
	ACLS for Healthcare Providers
	PALS for Healthcare Providers
Health and Safety Institute (HSI) – includes	Basic Life Support
ASHI, Medic First Aid, and EMS Safety Services	CPR Pro for the Professional Rescuer
National Safety Council	Basic Life Support for Health Care &
	Professional Rescuers
Canadian Red Cross	Healthcare Provider (HCP) CPR & AED
Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation	Basic Life Support (BLS)

^{*}Note: American Heart Association Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, or Pediatric Advanced Life Support instructor certification includes the current basic-level certification as the instructor certification covers both basic-level and instructor-level certification.

Step 2: Register for the Instructor Bridge

Visit <u>www.redcross.org/take-a-class</u> to register for the Basic Life Support Instructor Bridge. Once registered and logged into the Red Cross Learning Center, click on the class and launch the first task to upload a copy of your instructor-level credential from the table above.

^{**}Note: American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Instructors must also hold a current American Red Cross basic level certification in CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers, Basic Life Support, or Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/AED.

Your application will be reviewed by a Red Cross representative. If you qualify for the Basic Life Support Instructor Bridge, a Red Cross representative will provide confirmation of approval (via email). Once approved, you can return to the Learning Center and launch the online session of the Basic Life Support Instructor Bridge.

Step 3: Obtain and Review Course Materials

Basic Life Support Instructor Candidates should obtain and review the following course materials prior to completing the Basic Life Support Instructor Bridge:

- American Red Cross Basic Life Support Instructor's Manual for Instructor-Led Training
- American Red Cross Basic Life Support Instructor's Manual for Blended Learning
- American Red Cross Basic Life Support Participant's Manual
- American Red Cross Basic Life Support Blended Learning Online Session
- American Red Cross Basic Life Support Blended Learning Course Presentations (for Blended Learning and Instructor-Led Training)

Digital course manuals are available on the Red Cross Learning Center on the Materials tab upon launching into the course. Course presentations, online session demos, and other digital materials are located in the Instructor Lifecycle/Instructor Candidate Resources section of the home page of the Learning Center.

Print materials are available for purchase on the Red Cross Store (redcross.org/store).

Step 4: Successfully Complete the Online Instructor Bridge

Follow the instructions provided by the Red Cross representative to complete the Basic Life Support Instructor Bridge in the Red Cross Learning Center. The estimated completion time for the Basic Life Support Instructor Bridge is 1 hour.

Upon successful completion of the Basic Life Support Instructor Bridge, an American Red Cross Basic Life Support Instructor certification will be added to your profile in the Learning Center; this instructor certification will be valid for two years.

Prior to teaching American Red Cross courses, you must be affiliated with an American Red Cross
Training Provider or be employed as a paid or volunteer instructor of the American Red Cross. This
requirement is in addition to holding a current instructor certification. If you are not already affiliated
with a Training Provider and do not plan to teach as an American Red Cross paid or volunteer instructor,

please ask your organization's administrator to contact us to complete or update the organization's Training Provider agreement.

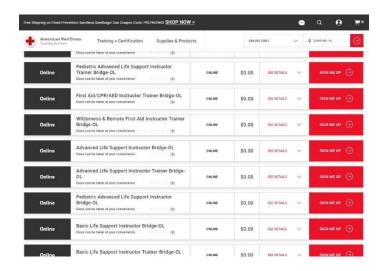
How to Search for, register, and launch a bridge class:

Visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class. Search for an instructor bridge class under the 'Find a Class' dropdown by clicking on either 'Online Only' or 'Instructor Training' and then clicking the arrow button.



Our Class Programs

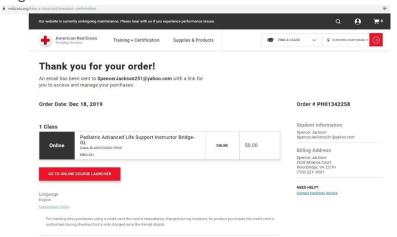
Select the bridge class and click 'Sign Me Up'.



Access the online bridge class.

You can click 'Go to Online Course Launcher' button on the registration confirmation screen or you can access the course later by clicking on the button in the registration confirmation email.

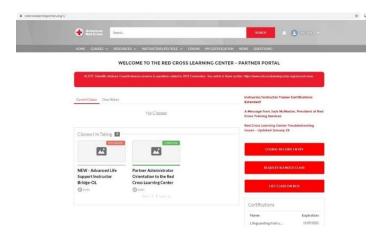
Registration confirmation screen:



Registration email confirmation:

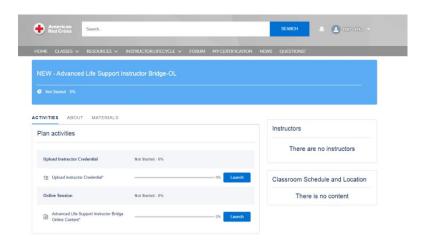


Access the online course on your Home page once logged into the Red Cross Learning Center. Click on the class to access the course and materials.

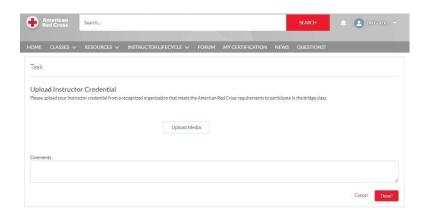


Upload your qualifying credential.

Click the launch button under 'Upload Instructor Credential' (or 'Upload Instructor Trainer Credential' for instructor trainer bridges).



Click the 'Upload Media' button and attach a copy of the required credential for the bridge.



Please expect up to 48 hours for the approval. Once approved, you may launch the online session.