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PALS Precourse Instructions (Required!)

This document provides instructions for how to prepare for your PALS course, and how to access the REQUIRED PRECOURSE TEST THAT MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO CLASS.

Address for Class:

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4225 Malsbary Road
Suite 204
Blue Ash, OH 45242

Arrive on Time:

Please plan to arrive on time because it will be difficult for late students to catch up once we start. Students are expected to attend and participate in the entire course. If you arrive later than 15 minutes after class start time you will be asked to reschedule.

How to Prepare:

- Review and understand the information in your PALS Provider Manual. Please review all the sections throughout the manual.
- Pay particular attention to the following sections below listed in the table of contents:
 - Review of BLS and AED for infants and children
 - The Systematic Approach to the seriously ill or injured child using the evaluate-identify-intervene sequence
 - Recognizing and Managing Cardiac Arrest
 - Recognizing Respiratory Distress and Failure
 - Managing Respiratory Distress and Failure
 - Recognizing Shock
 - Managing Shock
 - Recognizing Arrhythmias
 - Managing Arrhythmias
 - Post Cardiac Arrest Care
- Throughout the PALS provider manual there are treatment algorithms. There is one for each specific condition/emergency. Become familiar with all the treatment algorithms throughout the PALS Provider Manual.
- You will be expected to recognize cardiac rhythms and understand PALS pharmacology. These topics are not taught in this course.



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You Must:

1. Complete and Print your required Precourse Self-Assessment.
2. Score a **70% or higher** on your Precourse Self-Assessment in order to attend class.

How to Create an Account with the AHA, Access, and Complete Your Required Precourse Self-Assessment

Step #1

Create an eLearning account with the AHA. Go to <https://elearning.heart.org>

If you already have an AHA account then login. If you **DO NOT** have an AHA account, click on the top right where it says, "Sign up". Then "Create an Account" as a New User, and Sign In.

***SAVE YOUR ACCOUNT LOGIN INFORMATION!**

The screenshot shows the American Heart Association eLearning website. At the top left is the AHA eLearning logo. At the top right are links for 'Sign in | Sign up', a search icon, and language selection 'EN'. The main navigation menu includes 'Courses', 'About eLearning', 'Support', and 'Get Involved'. A large central image features a woman with glasses working on a computer. A white overlay box on the left contains the text 'American Heart Association' and 'Welcome to eLearning', followed by a descriptive paragraph about the convenience of eLearning.



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Step #2

After you have logged in, this is what should appear on the screen. This will bring up all the courses offered in eLearning. Scroll Down and locate the course that says “**PALS Precourse Assessment**” and hit **LAUNCH THIS COURSE**. (*NOTE: **do not** select “**PALS Precourse Assessment and Precourse Work**”)

IMPORTANT! If you are being prompted to watch videos you are in the WRONG precourse assessment course.

(Course code is KJ-1934)

The screenshot shows the American Heart Association eLearning platform. The top navigation bar includes the AHA eLearning logo, language selection (EC, EN), and a search bar. The main content area is titled "Course Catalog" and features a sidebar with a "Filter" section where "Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)" is selected. The main grid displays six course cards, each with a thumbnail of a laptop showing a heart, the course title, and a brief description. The courses listed are:

- 2020 PALS Precourse Self-Assessment
- 2020 PALS Precourse Self-Assessment and Precourse Work
- Atividade pré-curso de SAVP - Portuguese
- Autoavaliação pré-curso de SAVP - Portuguese
- Autoevaluación previa al curso de SVA: Spanish
- HeartCode® PALS Online

Each course card includes a "Free course" label and a "Price: \$173.00" label for the online course.



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Step #3

After you launch the course, this is the screen you will see next. Click **START** to begin the assessment. Please note, you can save and return to complete the precourse assessment at any time. You do NOT have to complete this in one session. You must save your login information to access your course again.

The screenshot shows the American Heart Association eLearning website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the AHA eLearning logo, search and language filters (EC, EN), and links for Courses, About eLearning, Support, and Get Involved. Below the navigation, the page title is "PALS Precourse Self-Assessment". A sub-header indicates it is a "Self" assessment with an expiration date of "November 13th 2027". A note states: "The Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Precourse Self-Assessment evaluates a student's knowledge before the course to evaluate proficiency and determine the need for additional review and practice." A callout box at the top of the main content area says: "Attention: Please read the course description completely before starting the course." Below this, the "Course Description" section is titled "Welcome to the Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Precourse Self-Assessment". It includes a list of things to know before taking the course: "All students must complete the Precourse Self-Assessment and achieve a score of at least 70% before taking the PALS Course. Students must print their scoring report and bring it with them to class." A "Start" button is located at the bottom of the course list table. The table lists a single topic: "Pediatric Advanced Life Support Precourse Self-Assessment" (Status: Not Started, Action: Start).



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Step #4

After you have completed the pretest, **you must print this page** with your score. Please see the red highlighted area that says "Review". Here you can see what you missed. After reviewing what was missed, Click the red Certificate icon to print your completion certificate.

PALS Precourse Self-Assessment and Video Prework Exit Exercise

Pediatric Advanced Life Support Precourse Self-Assessment

Course Completion

Precourse Self-Assessment Results
Congratulations, Eunice Cellar
Congratulations, you have passed the PALS Precourse Self-Assessment with a score of
92%

Scores for Major Testing Areas
This precourse self-assessment has 3 sections covering these major testing areas:
The **Rhythm Identification** section tested your ability to identify the basic core rhythms used in the PALS Provider Course and written exam. You scored 85% on Rhythm Identification.
The **Pharmacology** section tested your ability to identify drugs used in clinical situations. You scored 100% on Pharmacology.
The **Practical Application** section tested your ability to identify a rhythm and then choose the correct action or drug, as you will be expected to do in the learning stations and the Megacode Testing Station. You scored 93% on Practical Application.

Legend: Scores for Major Testing Areas

Section	Score
Rhythm Identification	85
Pharmacology	100
Practical Application	93



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Step #5

Bring **both** the Precourse Self-Assessment Result sheet above and your completion certificate shown here with you to class.

YOU MUST have your Precourse Self-Assessment to get your eCard.



If you do not have a printer, download the certificate and then email the certificate to our office, and let us know it is for your upcoming class and provide the date you are registered. Have your AHA login information with you on the day of class so that you can login to your account and show the instructor the certificate.

If you have any questions prior to the class, please contact us at **513-828-3488** or email us at info@CPRCincy.com. We look forward to seeing you for your stress free and fun PALS class!