



RCSA Policy Statement # 15

RCSA CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION TO PALS INSTRUCTOR STATUS

- 1. Current RCSA / AHA BLS Instructor status.
2. ANLS (NRP) Provider Certificate (or equivalent / similar).
3. Current RCSA PALS Provider Certificate, having obtained an initial written evaluation score of at least 90%.
4. Except for Paediatricians or candidates with extensive paediatric experience, it is highly recommended that nominees first obtain ACLS Instructor status.
5. Letter of recommendation from the Medical Director of an existing RCSA-accredited PALS Training Site, providing a portfolio of evidence of positive teaching ability (i.e., successful presentation of several (at least three) BLS Provider Courses, etc).
6. Completion of AHA online PALS Instructor Essentials Course.
7. Attend the 2-day PALS Instructor Course.
8. Successfully complete a PALS Instructor Test as may be required by the AHA or RCSA.
9. Candidate Instructors are expected to be well-prepared prior to presenting themselves for monitoring. The nominating Training Site is responsible for providing prior mentoring as necessary. It is strongly recommended that candidates attend a PALS Provider Course presented by a PALS Faculty Member or experienced PALS instructor prior to being monitored.
10. Candidate Instructors must be successfully monitored teaching their first PALS Provider Course, preferably at their own Training Site, by a RCSA-approved reviewer within 6 months of the 2-day PALS Instructor Course.
11. In the event of unsuccessful monitoring, Candidate Instructors will need to be further mentored by their nominating Training Site by attending at least 3 PALS Provider Courses, presented by experienced PALS Instructors, prior to presenting themselves for re-monitoring at their own Training Site.
12. The Medical Director of the nominating Training Site is responsible for providing written confirmation that adequate mentoring by experienced Instructors has occurred prior to re-monitoring.
13. Once successfully monitored, PALS Instructors are expected to attend formal PALS Updates as required, and instruct on at least 4 PALS Provider Courses, and be re-monitored, every 2 years.

As a PALS Candidate Instructor, I hereby agree to abide by the above terms and conditions.

Signed (Candidate Instructor)::.....Date:.....

Name of Candidate Instructor:.....

Name of Responsible PALS Training Site:.....

Signature of Responsible PALS TS Medical Director:.....

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