

## Finding a Nursing Position: Common Certifications for Nurses!

Finding nursing employment is quite a difficult task these days. Many recent graduates are obtaining additional credentials while desperately seeking and applying for nursing employment. **Why? Additional credentials force a resume to stand out from the thousands of other nurses applying for the same positions.** Having more credentials to accompany a **hard-earned nursing license** gives new graduates a highly competitive edge. More importantly, patients benefit when recent graduates hold advanced certifications and are more prepared for patient care. Some questions to consider are below:

**“How competitive is my resume?”** For most nurses **having only an RN or LPN license is no longer sufficient to gain employment in today’s competitive nursing workforce. Additional/advanced credentials are now crucial if a recent graduate stands a chance at securing nursing employment among the competition.** Review the list below of commonly required certifications for today’s nursing positions. As you’re reviewing the list, remember, the more well-rounded your resume, even if you don’t need any of the credentials below, the more your resume **will stand out and impress a recruiter.** Additionally, did you know that recruiters *may and often do* accept certain advanced credentials, such as the ones listed below, in lieu of nursing experience?

**“How do I know these credentials are valid?”** We are an authorized American Heart Association (AHA) Training Center. The American Heart Association is the most recognized provider of basic and advanced resuscitation programs. Many healthcare facilities will **ONLY** accept credentials issued by an AHA Training Center. *Tip: Beware of online, non-AHA companies claiming to offer online ACLS, BLS, and PALS programs. Often, they are not accepted by NJ / NY healthcare facilities.*

**Always register directly with an authorized AHA Training Center to ensure the validity of your hard earned credentials.**

- AHA EKG & Pharmacology (1 day program – 2 certificates issued)
- AHA Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider
- AHA Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)
- AHA Pediatric Emergency Assessment Resuscitation & Stabilization (PEARS)
- AHA Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
- AHA ACLS Instructor
- AHA BLS/CPR Instructor
- AHA PEARS Instructor
- AHA PALS Instructor
- CCRN & PCCN Review Course (provided by ECC)
- IV Therapy Certification Course (provided by ECC)
- Many more courses are available at our training center; such as, Trauma Nursing Core Course, Neonatal Resuscitation Program, etc.

**← All instructor courses are very impressive to have on a resume!**



Our public course schedule is available online at [www.CardiacEd.com](http://www.CardiacEd.com)

**“Do you have most of these on your resume and still you’re not finding work?”** Maybe your resume needs some attention. Visit [www.TaylorCastillo.com](http://www.TaylorCastillo.com) for help and a personalized consultation.

**“Why should I take a program with you?”** First, we are nurses. Nurses understand the difficulties in the current employment market. Additionally, all of **our nurse instructors still practice at the bedside and have a passion for education.** We are able to convey our real-life experiences to you during your educational sessions. Most of all, we provide an enjoyable, educational environment. We will not intimidate you; after all, we are here to help you learn! We provide you with training that is cost effective and contains the most current information and guidelines. Many training organizations, such as hospitals and private training centers, may not charge competitive course tuitions. Our rates are priced to cover the program’s overhead. In addition, if you cannot afford our tuition, we can arrange a **payment plan to help spread out tuition costs.** Contact us to set this up for you. Please check our website for course dates and time details. Mandatory textbooks are available from our office with no retail mark-up. Shipping is not included.

**CardiacEd.com can help with additional credentials:** Our course schedule is available online at [www.CardiacEd.com](http://www.CardiacEd.com). Our training center is located minutes from 287 in our central NJ office. Private courses can be arranged at a location convenient to you. A minimum number of students per discipline is required. Call us for details.

**Turn over for Scholarship Funds & Tuition Discount Information!**

# Scholarship Funds

**Students & Recent Graduates Scholarship Fund Period: January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 – December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015**

At random times throughout the year we are given generous scholarship funds. The purpose of the fund is to assist recent graduates and current students in obtaining additional certifications beyond the basic RN/LPN nursing license and help them gain employment. These funds are only available for public courses taken at our training center during the scholarship period indicated above and only apply to the programs listed below. **Funds cannot be used for any course AFTER the expiration date above. This document expires on the date shown above.**

**Who is eligible?** Any currently enrolled RN/LPN Nursing Student **or** any RN/LPN who has not held either license for longer than 2 years, is eligible. For example, *if your nursing license was issued on 8/15/2013, then you must take a course before 8/15/2015 to be eligible for the scholarship fund dollars.* We will verify your license issue date via the national NurSys® database. If you do not currently hold a nursing license, then we **MUST** have a copy of your current valid RN/LPN Student ID **AND** a copy of your current semester RN/LPN program enrollment/registration. **REGISTER EARLY – COURSES FILL UP VERY FAST, AND FUNDS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY ONLY.**

**Scholarship Funds are available for the following course TUITIONS ONLY:**

- **AHA Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)** \$48 towards tuition
- **AHA Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)** \$48 towards tuition
- **ECC IV Therapy Course** See below (based on if taking ACLS and/or PALS)
- **AHA Instructor Courses (BLS)** See Below
- **AHA EKG & Pharmacology** Tuition: \$79 (Includes: text/workbook, 2 certificates, lunch, course)
- **AHA Basic Life Support (BLS) Healthcare Provider** \$10 towards tuition

**Register early:** Our programs are VERY popular & subject to availability. No ‘rain checks’ will be issued, so **Register EARLY!**

**Tuition:** All Programs must be taken at our Hillsborough (NJ) facility. This scholarship program is not available for any off-site programs.

	*ACLS	*PALS	*ACLS & *PALS	IV w/o ACLS or PALS	IV (w/ *ACLS or *PALS)	IV (w/ *ACLS & *PALS)	*BLS/CPR Instructor Course (Materials included)	AHA EKG & Pharmacology (Textbook incl.)	BLS Renewal
Regular Tuition	\$248	\$248	\$496	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$260	\$79 (discounted)	\$70
Scholarship award	-\$48	-\$48	-\$106	None	-\$20	-\$30	-\$60	Already discounted	-\$10
<b>Recent Grad Tuition</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$390</b>	<b>\$230</b>	<b>\$210</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$79</b>	<b>\$60</b>

\*Textbooks are at an additional cost and scholarship funds may not be utilized for payment: ACLS \$33.50, PALS \$38.50, + shipping; Textbooks **MUST** be the CURRENT AHA version.

**Transferring/Cancelling your Registration/No Show Policy:** This policy is in effect as we have rented equipment, obtained supplies, hired instructors, provided online program keys and obtained classroom space. We rely, to our detriment, upon your tuition payment and therefore **MUST** invoke fees for registration cancellations/transfers/no shows. Therefore, please check your calendar very carefully prior to registering to ensure you can attend. Transfers are available if sufficient notice is given **AND** there is space in the course you wish to transfer into. A transfer fee applies. Scholarship funds may not be available for the new course. **All transfers and cancellations must be made via telephone. All calls to/from our office are recorded for quality assurance purposes. (732) 579-8690**

	In-person (Classroom) Program (ACLS / PALS)	Hybrid Program (In-Person / Online)
<b>No Show</b>	No refund (no transfer available)	No refund (no transfer available)
<b>Within 3 business days of program</b>	No refund (transfer: \$40 transfer fee)	No refund (transfer: \$40 transfer fee)
<b>Greater than 3 business days before</b>	\$40 cancellation/transfer fee	\$40 cancellation fee
<b>Textbooks / course supplies</b>	No refunds	No refunds
<b>Online programs</b>	---	\$40; no refund if accessed
<b>Incomplete/Failure of program</b>	No refunds / No transfers/No Credits	No refunds / No transfers/No Credits

We reserve the right to withdraw or modify this program without notice. Unless otherwise indicated, textbooks and course supplies are not included in tuition fees. Supplies & textbook **MUST** be obtained prior to each course. Textbooks are required for entry at AHA courses and **MUST** be the current version (per AHA Program Policy). There are no retroactive credits for courses taken outside of the scholarship period. All programs require a significant amount of pre-study. There are no refunds or credits for incompletions or the failure of a course. You **MUST** arrive on-time for your program. We reserve the right to reschedule a program(s) for inclement weather, technical, and utility failure conditions. Scholarship funds cannot be applied to any other offer and/or discount. **How do I register or obtain further information? Call (732) 579-8690 option 1**