

Course: CPR/AED—Adult

Purpose

Train lay responders to overcome any reluctance to act in emergency situations and to recognize and care for life-threatening respiratory or cardiac emergencies in adults.

Prerequisites

None

Learning Objectives

- Describe how to recognize and respond to an emergency.
- Describe the purpose of the Good Samaritan Laws.
- Describe the difference between consent and implied consent.
- Describe the three emergency action steps.
- Identify when and how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.
- Explain when and how to move a person from a dangerous scene.
- Identify how to minimize the risk of disease transmission when giving care.
- Demonstrate how to minimize the risk of disease transmission when giving care.
- Demonstrate how to check an unconscious person for life-threatening and nonlife-threatening conditions.
- Demonstrate how to check a conscious person for life-threatening and nonlife-threatening conditions.
- Identify the signals of shock and describe how to minimize its effects.
- Recognize the signals of a breathing emergency.
- Demonstrate how to care for a person who is choking.
- Demonstrate how to recognize and care for a person who is not breathing.
- Recognize the signals of a cardiac emergency.
- Identify the links in the Cardiac Chain of Survival.
- Describe how to care for a heart attack.
- Demonstrate how to give cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Identify prevention strategies to decrease the risk of breathing emergencies.
- Explain what defibrillation is and how it works.

- Explain the role of CPR in cardiac arrest.
- Identify the general steps for the use of an automatic external defibrillator (AED).
- Identify precautions when using an AED.
- Demonstrate how to use an AED.

Length

Approximately 4 hours and 30 minutes

Instructor

A currently authorized American Red Cross Lay Responder First Aid and CPR/AED, Emergency Response, Lifeguarding or CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer program who has met state qualifications, where required.

Certification Requirements

- Attend and participate in all course sessions.
- Demonstrate competency in all required skills listed on the skills checklist.
- Participate in all skills sessions.
- Pass each section of the written exam with a score of 80 percent or better.

Certificate Issued and Validity Period

CPR/AED—Adult: 1 year

Participant Products/Materials

First Aid/CPR/AED for the Workplace Participant's Workbook (StayWell Stock No. 656694)

First Aid/CPR/AED for Schools and the Community Participant's Manual (StayWell Stock No. 652145)

Adult CPR/AED Skills Card (StayWell Stock No. 656691)

American Red Cross Universal Certificate