



Penn Medicine Clinical Simulation Center

Penn Medicine at Rittenhouse
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Dear Student:

Welcome to the PENN PALS Training Program.

Course: PALS Initial Provider Course
Date: Various
Time: 8:30 am to 4 pm Day 1 and 8:30 am to 12 pm Day 2
Location: Penn Medicine Clinical Simulation Center
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*Parking is \$23.00 per day for non-UPHS employees or \$10.50 per day with Penn ID at 1700 South Street Parking Garage (entrance to the left/east of 1740 South Street building entrance). Parking is free 3 pm to midnight and on weekends with Penn ID at 1700 South Street Parking Garage for those students enrolled in evening or weekend classes.

Payment (non-UPHS Employees Only):

The registration fee for this course is \$250 and does not include the manual. In order to secure your spot in this course you must either pay the full tuition amount or a non-refundable deposit of \$100 one month prior to the course date. Payment can be made by credit card (please call 215-893-7700) or by check and mailed with a copy of the registration confirmation page. Please make check payable to: "Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania".

Please Mail Payment to:

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You will not be registered until your payment is received.

If you must cancel your registration a refund, excluding the deposit amount, will be provided as long as you notify the Center in writing more than one week prior to the start of the course. No refund will be issued past that time.

Preparation for Class:

The PALS Initial Provider Course is designed to teach and review the lifesaving skills required to be both a team member and a team leader in either an in-hospital or out-of-hospital setting.

The PALS course covers extensive material in a short period of time so it is **IMPERATIVE** that you will need to prepare for the course beforehand.

You should prepare for this course as follows:

1. You are expected to read the PALS Provider Manual prior to attending the course.
2. Pre-course checklist: Complete the pre-course checklist that came with your PALS Course guide, **Bring checklist to the course**
3. CPR competency: Be prepared to pass the child 1 rescuer CPR/AED and Infant 1 & 2 rescuer CPR skills test. You will not be taught how to do CPR or how to use an AED. You **must know** in advance. The resuscitation scenarios require that your BLS skills and knowledge be current. Review and understand all BLS 2005 guidelines, especially related to the pediatric patient.
4. Self-assessment CD-based test (required): Complete the self-assessment test on the student CD and print your score. **This must be completed prior to the course and handed in at registration.** The test includes ECG recognition, pharmacology and practical application. Use this to identify areas where you need to increase your knowledge.
5. Practice Cases: Work through the practice cases on the student to CD to familiarize yourself with assess-categorize-decide-act" model used in the course.
6. PALS algorithms and flowcharts: Be familiar with the PALS algorithms and flowcharts that you can apply in the clinical scenarios. **You MAY use the PALS algorithm cards** provided in your packet in the practice and testing scenarios.
7. Supplement knowledge: Review the PALS Provider Manual and Course Guide. Pay attention to the systematic approach to pediatric assessment.
8. Course Agenda will be provided upon arrival at the course.

It is essential that you bring your PALS Course Guide to class; you will need it during each lesson in the course.

Cancellation Policy:

UPHS employees please be aware that if you fail to drop your enrollment in this course by contacting the Penn Medicine Clinical Simulation Center more than one week prior to its start and do not attend, you or your affiliated UPHS Department will be charged a cancellation fee of \$235.

Materials Needed:

PALS Course Guide and Provider Manual Bundle can be obtained at these vendors via on-line at a Cost of \$35

Dolbey's Health Science Bookstore (Bookstore near campus)

37th and Market Street
Philadelphia, PA
215-222-6020

Channing Bete Company Inc.

1-800-611-6082
aha.channing-bete.com

Laerdal Medical Corporation

1-888-562-4242
www.laerdal.com

WorldPoint/ECC

1-888-322-8350
www.eWorldPoint.com

What to wear:

Please wear loose, comfortable clothing. You will be practicing skills that may require you to work on your hands and knees. If you have any physical conditions that may prevent these activities, please tell one of the instructors so that adjustments may be made. Also, please tell your instructor if you are allergic to latex.

Contact Information:

If you have any questions regarding this course please contact Gregg Lipschik at lipschik@mail.med.upenn.edu or Tonya.Jones@uphs.upenn.edu at 215-893-7700.

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