

# 2026 HeartCode ACLS

## Purpose and Intended Audience:

HeartCode ACLS is a blended learning course. The online portion (Step 1) is a self-directed, comprehensive eLearning program that uses adaptive learning technology to allow learners to acquire and demonstrate ACLS skills using a personalized learning path that adapts in real time to the learner's performance. The program is designed for healthcare professionals who need ACLS training for their clinical duties. The hands-on portion (Step 2) is completed with an AHA ACLS instructor.

- Step 1 is completed at the American Heart Association website which uses dramatizations, cognitive assessments, illustrations, knowledge checks, and interactive activities. This program takes approximately 4 hours to complete.
- Step 2 is the hands-on skills practice and testing by an ACLS Instructor at UnityPoint Health – Des Moines and requires approximately 2-4 hours to complete.
- Both steps must be completed to receive an ACLS Provider eCard.

## How to Complete Step 1:

Log onto the American Heart Association website at [HeartCode® ACLS Online](#) for the HeartCode ACLS Online. Purchase and complete all the lessons.

Print out or download the HeartCode certificate showing completion of the Step 1 online portion. Email to [DM\\_CTC@unitypoint.org](mailto:DM_CTC@unitypoint.org).

## How to Complete Step 2:

Click to register at this link: [2026 HeartCode ACLS Course Registration](#)

The certificate showing completion of the online portion must be presented prior to the hands-on skills portion of this class. An ACLS Provider eCard will be issued after the successful completion of the hands-on skills portion of this class.

The cost is \$140 (\$115 for UPH Clinic employees) for the hands-on skills portion of this class.

Make checks payable to UnityPoint Health-CTC or call 515-241-6811 to pay with credit card.

## CE Credit:

Continuing Education Credit is provided by the AHA upon successful completion of the Step 1 computer portion for physicians, physician assistants, nurses, pharmacists, and EMTs/paramedics.

No CME/CEU/CEH credit will be awarded from the UnityPoint Health – Des Moines Training Center for Step 2.

## Location:

Iowa Methodist Medical Center – Des Moines  
Education and Research Center  
Directions will be sent in confirmation email.

## Cancellation Policy:

- The registration fee, minus \$50.00 is refundable up to three business days prior to the program. After that time, no refund is available.
- UnityPoint Health – Des Moines reserves the right to cancel the program due to insufficient enrollment. If this occurs, registration fees will be refunded.
- Courses cancelled due to adverse weather conditions will be rescheduled. Participants will be granted a refund if there is a conflict with the new date.

## 2026 Dates & Times

January 21	9:00am-12:00pm
February 4	9:00am-12:00pm
March 12	9:00am-12:00pm
April 1	9:00am-12:00pm
May 13	9:00am-12:00pm
June 10	9:00am-12:00pm
July 24	9:00am-12:00pm
August 5	9:00am-12:00pm
September 2	9:00am-12:00pm
October 6	9:00am-12:00pm
November 10	9:00am-12:00pm
December 9	9:00am-12:00pm

*\* If none of the above dates work, please call to discuss a special session at an additional \$50 fee.*

## Questions – Email [DM\\_CTC@unitypoint.org](mailto:DM_CTC@unitypoint.org)

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