

## American Heart Association Releases NEW BLS Renewal Course!

Starting Aug. 21, you can renew your BLS card much faster here at HMC. American Heart Association released a shorter renewal course. Instead of the 4-hour class, you can renew in 2.5 hours.

### Renewal Class Eligibility:

The American Heart Association requires you to show your **current unexpired BLS card** issued by an AHA training center. This means:

1. The card cannot be expired by even one day. You *must* plan ahead and not let it expire to take this class.
2. You will have to reschedule the class if you are unable to show your instructor the card itself, a copy of the card, or a picture from your phone. Cards are valid for two years and you have through the end of the month of year two, regardless of what day you took it. For example, if your card was issued August 1, 2016...you still have until August 31, 2018 to get renewed.

### If You Don't Have Your Card:

1. The Education Center can only assist you with cards that were *issued from* our Training Center. If your card came from another AHA training center, you'll need to get it from them.
2. The Education Center staff can find your card record in three instances:
  - You know the date you took class here at HMC.
  - You don't know the date, but registered for BLS on our website, [www.hillcresteducationcenter.com](http://www.hillcresteducationcenter.com).
  - You took an offsite class from one of our instructors in the past two years. For example, Hillcrest South instructors get their cards through HMC, and many instructors teach outside of HMC. These can be challenging to trace, but not impossible.

### To Inquire About Cards:

1. Please do not ask Education Center staff to help you "find a copy of your card" the day of or the day before your class, as we have *hundreds* of students each month. You need to allow adequate time to research and find your card, especially if you do not know *exactly* when or even where you took the class.
2. The best way to get a copy of an unexpired card from the Education Center is to EMAIL us at [eccdept@hillcrest.com](mailto:eccdept@hillcrest.com) and tell us everything you know about when and where you took the class. Please provide a phone number, too.
3. If we are able to find it, we can send a scan copy to your email at no charge. If you want a reprinted card, the fee is \$10.



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