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# Winter Newsletter

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## Card Price Increase

As of January 14, 2008 Training Concepts will be increasing the price for course completion cards. AHA has increased the price that training centers pay so we need to increase our price as well. Cards will now cost \$2.50 per card or \$7.50 for a sheet of three cards. You will be able to find an updated order form on our website on the 14th.

## New Instructor Renewal Policy

Training Concepts has instated a new instructor renewal policy. If you are renewing in the month you expire (or before) the cost is \$30. If you renew 1 or 2 months late the cost is \$50. After that all instructors that have not registered and attended a renewal class or have not taught the required 4 classes will need to complete a one day new instructor course and also complete the Instructor CORE Course.

## New AHA Courses

AHA has released three new courses! ECG/Pharmacology, Airway Management and Pediatric Emergency Assessment, Recognition and Stabilization (PEARS). The ECG and Airway courses are designed to increase learning for Healthcare providers and will be available to BLS instructors with experience to teach in these areas. The PEARS course is designed to enhance pediatric life support knowledge for Healthcare providers. PEARS can only be taught by PALS instructors. We are reviewing these new materials and will roll-out more information soon. If you are interested in these courses we will be providing orientations. Watch your email for the classes and see our website for more information.

## Facts for You!

- Death from sudden cardiac arrest is not inevitable. If more people know CPR, more lives could be saved.
- About 75 to 80 percent of all out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen at home.
- About 900 Americans die every day due to sudden cardiac arrest.
- National CPR and AED Awareness week is the first week of June 2008.

**Q:** How can I become a better instructor?

**Q & A:** AHA has released an Instructor CORE course. This course is required for all new AHA instructors, but is also useful for current instructors. This self-driven CD-ROM course can be purchased from Training Concepts for \$38 (includes tax and S&H). It also gives you another option for earning CEUs. If you are interested in learning how to become a well rounded professional instructor contact our office.

## Card Date

Cards must always have the issue date and renewal date either date stamped or computer printed. The dates need to be 2 years apart and appear ONLY as month and year. The picture below is an example of this.



## HCP Renewal DVD

By April of 2008 you should find that all renewing Healthcare Providers will have learned the new 2005 guidelines. This means that you may start using the 'Renewal Course' option on the HCP DVD. HCP renewal class time should run about 3 hours. New students should still be shown the entire course video with a class time of about 4.5 hours.

## Updated Website

Training Concepts has finally launched their newly designed website. Please visit [www.LRNCPR.com](http://www.LRNCPR.com) to see all of the improvements. We hope this website will help us serve you better. Here are some things you can find now:

- A calendar of classes
- A link to DefibVest Info
- A link to the Updated AED Law
- A link to the AHA Currents

## TC Office Notes

- *Training Concepts will be able to process credit card payments in early 2008. Payment will be expected when materials are purchased. Personal checks will not be accepted unless previously OK'd.*
- *We are exploring options so that we will be able to teach ACLS and PALS courses. We will be teaming with some current instructors and a Chicago location to hold these classes. Stay tuned!*
- *We are continuing to work through our past due billing. If you receive a past due notice please call the office or pay it promptly. Thanks!*

## HCP Online Renewal Update

The American Heart Association has an online renewal site for Healthcare Providers: [www.onlineaha.org](http://www.onlineaha.org) (formerly [www.onlinetrainingplace.com](http://www.onlinetrainingplace.com)). HCP renewal students can complete the written test online for \$17.50 then have an instructor oversee a HCP skills demonstration. If you have a student do this, verify their AHA completion certificate and then issue their card after the skills test. If you have questions about this feel free to call the office.

## AHA offers eLearning

The same website that offers HCP online renewal also offers eLearning and CEU credits for health care providers and EMS personnel. They will be offering courses on rhythm, stroke and other topics for ACLS and PALS. They are just beginning to release these courses. Visit [www.onlineaha.org](http://www.onlineaha.org) to learn more!

## ECCU Conference June '08

The Emergency Cardiovascular Care Update will be held at Bally's in Las Vegas June 13-15th 2008. This is a chance to join together and learn more about hot topics and scientific studies. For more information about this conference you can visit [www.citizencpr.org](http://www.citizencpr.org) or read the article in the winter edition of the AHA Currents. Your Training Concepts team will be there!