

ABLS Instructors

Faculty of the Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) Program (“Instructors”) are the core responsible for the mission of the program. This section provides the following information regarding ABLS Instructors:

- A definition
- Selection and training criteria
- Roles and responsibilities

1. Definition

ABLS Instructor Candidates are selected from students of ABLS who are identified by current ABLS Faculty during provider courses as demonstrating exceptional proficiency, communication skills and commitment to the principles of ABLS.

Instructors candidates must have at least one year of burn experience or otherwise have exhibited an extended commitment to burn care. Burn experience can include but is not limited to:

- Current/ retired member of ABA verified-Burn Center
- Burn fellowship
- Military service

Allied health professionals eligible to become instructor candidates include:

- Physicians
- Physician assistants
- Nurse practitioners
- Nurses
- Paramedics may serve as instructors at the discretion of the Course Medical Director & National Faculty

ABLS Instructors are those faculty that have been identified as Instructor Candidates and completed the requirements for becoming faculty.

A list of current ABLS Instructors and Instructor Candidates is maintained by the ABA central office and is accessible on the ABA website (www.ameriburn.org).

2. Selection and Training:

- Teaching faculty identify instructor candidates during ABLS provider course as having “instructor potential”
- Instructor Candidates
 - Instructor candidates will complete an ABLS Instructor Course
 - Instructor candidates need to teach a minimum of two provider courses observed by a national faculty within one year of completing the instructor course
 - National faculty will review the written evaluation with the candidate and submit a copy to the ABA central office
 - The ABA central office will then notify each candidate of his or her certification status

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- All exceptions and requests for items not covered above need to be addressed in writing to Chair of the ABLs Committee.

3. Roles and responsibilities:

- Instructors
 - Minimum teaching requirement to maintain current instructor status: 2 classes in 4 years
 - Candidates certified as instructors will be re-evaluated based on:
 - Number of courses taught (after 2 courses)
 - Student and peer feedback from provider courses
 - Paramedics who demonstrate proficiency sufficient to lead afternoon break-out sessions may teach under the following guidelines:
 - Limit to one paramedic per course
 - Limit lecture instructions to the following topics:
 - Airway
 - Initial Assessment
 - Stabilization and transfer
 - Maintain active contact information with the ABA Central Office, and notify the office in a timely fashion of any change in status
- The ABLs Advisory Committee will review on a yearly basis unsatisfactory reviews submitted by students/peers and problem areas identified by course coordinators
- An alphabetical listing of all candidates, instructors, national faculty, course coordinators, and current status will be posted on the ABA website and updated yearly

4. Status Renewal

- Instructors are required to be active members of the ABA.
- Instructor status is valid for 4 years from the date of issue
 - Every 4 years instructors must complete an online recertification examination
 - Every time an ABLs update occurs, instructors must complete an online update

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