

Certification or Training in Emergency First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and the Use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for Pediatrics and Adults

Any person seeking initial licensure with the state of Virginia must submit official documentation providing evidence of certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and the use of automated external defibrillators (AED) for pediatrics AND adults.

Students in initial licensure programs must provide verification of training **prior to being approved for field experiences (including practicum and student teaching internships)**. **First Aid/CPR/AED training cannot be all online.** VDOE requires a minimum of a hands-on assessment with the CPR training.

The following links from the **American Heart Association** and the **American Red Cross** provide some options for training in your area.

1. **American Heart Association** – http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/CPRAndECC/FindaCourse/Find-a-Course_UCM_303220_SubHomePage.jsp
2. **American Red Cross** – <http://www.redcross.org/lp/cpr-aed-firstaid> - To search for a date and time that works for you, go to <http://www.redcross.org/take-a-class> and follow the steps below.
 - a. **First**, select the area.
 - b. **Second**, select “First Aid, CPR, AED.”
 - c. **Click**, “Find Classes” and select the course titled “**Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED.**”

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For reference, the VDOE has provided this information.

****The 2013 General Assembly has passed [House Bill 2028](#) and [Senate Bill 986](#) effective on July 1, 2013, that state, in part, the following:**

§ 4. Every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license shall provide evidence of completion of certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators. The certification or training program shall be based on the current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. The Board shall provide a waiver for this requirement for any person with a disability whose disability prohibits such person from completing the certification or training....

Beginning September 1, 2017, the *Code of Virginia* specifies that the certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators shall include hands-on practice of the skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.