

STUDENT

User Guide for
HeartCode
BLS



Welcome to HeartCode BLS!

HeartCode BLS is a self-directed 2 part learning program approved by the American Heart Association. Part 1 is an interactive cognitive portion done on a computer that includes realistic patient scenarios and extensive American Heart Association reference material. Part 2 will be done in the HeartCode Lab (badge access) in The Learning Center using a Voice Advisory Manikin system to provide hands on experience with immediate feedback.

We are very excited to be able to offer HeartCode BLS as a renewal option for Healthcare Provider CPR. Although you may find it a bit more challenging than the traditional class, studies have shown that HeartCode can improve BLS skills and most importantly patient outcomes. It also can be done around your schedule and at your convenience.

If you would like to renew your Healthcare Provider CPR with this HeartCode option, please contact Jen Schoeberlein in The Learning Center at 410-871-7048, or the Education Assistants at 410-871-6841 or 410-871-6935, so it can be assigned to you. Please review the material in this student guide carefully. If you have any questions, please contact the Learning Center at 410-871-6841 during regular business hours from 7:30 a.m. – 4 P.M.

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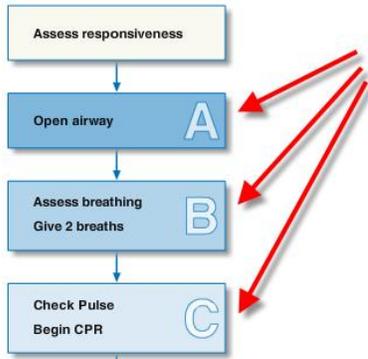
Frequently Asked Questions are located throughout this guide.

For questions, call The Learning Center at 410-871-6841 during regular business hours
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

HeartCode BLS Overview

The American Heart Association’s HeartCode BLS program is a self-directed learning program that allows you to practice at your own pace. As you practice, you will receive objective feedback on the evaluation of your skills.

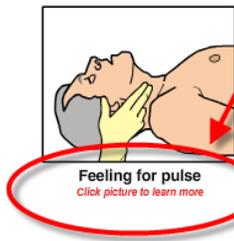
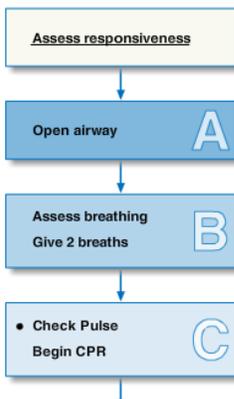
HeartCode BLS contains all of the lessons from the BLS Healthcare Provider text. Once you are in the Lesson, if you would like more detail, click on the specific activity.



Explore the steps of the BLS algorithm by clicking the items in the boxes to the left.

When you feel ready to assess the adult victim, please click "Continue"

You can then click on the picture for more information and you can click on the link to the provider text.



Check pulse (adults & children)

In an emergency situation, a trained healthcare provider should feel for a carotid pulse to assess circulation. This evaluation should take at least 5 and no more than 10 seconds.

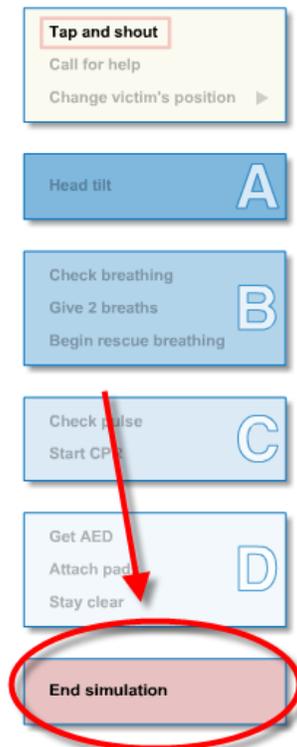
[Click here to read more in the BLS for Healthcare Providers - Student's Manual](#)

You can review the material from start to finish or choose the specific topics on which you would like to focus. In order to navigate to specific topics, use the Table of Contents in the top left corner.

Table of Contents	
✓	HeartCode BLS HCP Course
	- Part 1
✓	Introduction
✓	Lesson 1
✓	Simulation Introduction
✓	Adult patient
✓	Lesson 2
✓	Infant patient
✓	Quiz

Patient Case Scenarios

HeartCode BLS features microsimulation technology. Realistic patient cases will require you to interact with the program, assess the patient, formulate a treatment plan based on the BLS algorithms, and effect treatment. When you are working on the patient cases, you can submit the scenario for evaluation whenever you feel confident that you have completed all the necessary steps to care for the patient. Submit the scenario by clicking on “End Simulation”.



Debriefing

Upon completion of a given scenario, you are presented with a detailed debriefing screen. The debriefing is an account of your actions, both correct and incorrect. Suggestions for improvement are offered and all appropriate reference material is hyperlinked to the debriefing, allowing for immediate remediation.

Debriefing



Steve McMillan
You found the victim lying on the floor in the ward.
Diagnosis: Ventricular fibrillation.

0:00 You arrived at the victim's side.

0:01 ✓ You gently tapped the victim and shouted "Are you all right?". The victim did not respond. It was correct to check for a response at this point because anyone who does not respond needs emergency care.

0:04 ✓ You sent someone to activate the emergency response system. It was correct to activate the emergency response system because there was no response from the victim. The chances of a victim surviving cardiac arrest are greater the sooner advanced care arrives.

0:08 ✓ You sent someone to get the AED. It was correct to send someone to get the AED at this point because there was no response from the victim. The sooner defibrillation takes place, the better the victim's chance of surviving cardiac arrest.

0:09 ✓ You opened the airway with a head-tilt-chin lift. This was correct because the head-tilt-chin lift allows air to enter the lungs.

0:12 ✓ You checked breathing by looking for chest rise and listening and feeling for air movement for 7 seconds. It is correct to check for at least 5 seconds, but no more than 10 seconds. It is correct to check breathing to determine if a victim needs breaths.

96%
You have passed this scenario
Active CPR: 100%
You performed CPR with minimal interruptions. Well done!

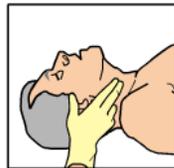
Replay scenario Continue

Mini Games

Mini Games reinforce BLS concepts taught in the Lessons. You will complete the Mini Games before starting the patient case scenarios.



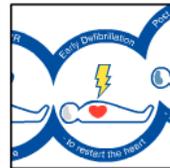
Mini game:
Look-listen-feel



Mini game:
Check pulse

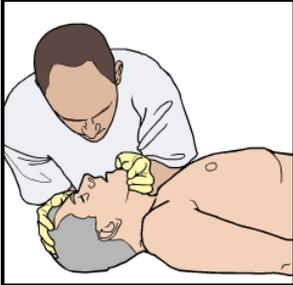


Mini game:
Compression rate



Mini game:
The Chain of Survival

Once you click on the Mini Game icon, you will be instructed on how to use your mouse in order to complete the Mini Game.



Assess breathing

Move the pointer over the picture and press and hold down the mouse button to assess the victim's breathing. When you think you have allowed enough time to do this then release the button.

Continue



Mini Games are a required component for completion of HeartCode BLS.

How to Access HeartCode BLS Part One

1. Contact the Learning Center to Assign Heartcode to you.
2. Sign on to **API, Actions, Computer Based Training, Select HeartCode BLS-HCP Parts 1 & 2, Launch External Training.** This will take you to Healthstream LMS and you will find Heartcode Parts 1 and 2 assigned to you here.
3. Under “My Courses”, select HeartCode BLS HCP – Part 1:

The screenshot shows the HealthStream Learning Center Student interface. The top navigation bar includes the HealthStream logo, the text "HEALTHSTREAM LEARNING CENTER - STUDENT", and a "LOG OUT" button. Below this, the user's name "Marnie Kelly | Key Medical Center | Student" and the date "May 11 2007 8:52 AM CT" are displayed. A secondary navigation bar contains links for "My Courses", "My Transcript", "Catalog", "HospitalDirect@", and "My Profile".

The main content area is titled "My Courses" and "Assigned Courses". It contains a table with the following data:

Course Name	Due Date*	Status	Last Accessed
HeartCode BLS HCP Skills Test - Part 2	04/01/2008	Assigned	
AACN - Basic ECG Interpretation	04/30/2008	Assigned	
AACN - Care of the Patient with Cardiovascular Disorders	04/30/2008	Assigned	
AACN - Care of the Patient with Gastrointestinal Disorders	04/30/2008	Assigned	
AACN - Care of the Patient with Hematologic Disorders	04/30/2008	Assigned	
AACN - Care of the Patient with Multisystem Disorders	04/30/2008	Assigned	
AACN - Care of the Patient with Neurologic Disorders of the Brain	04/30/2008	Assigned	
AACN - Care of the Patient with Pulmonary Disorders	04/30/2008	Assigned	
AACN - Care of the Patient with Renal Disorders	04/30/2008	Assigned	
AACN - An Introduction to the Essentials of Critical Care Nursing	05/01/2008	In Progress	05/01/2007
AACN - Care of the Patient with Endocrine Disorders	05/01/2008	In Progress	05/01/2007
AACN - Module Test Score Reports for the Essentials of Critical Care Nursing	05/01/2008	In Progress	05/01/2007
HeartCode BLS HCP Course - Part 1	05/01/2009	In Progress	05/11/2007

*All assigned courses are due at midnight, Eastern Time.

The "HeartCode BLS HCP Course - Part 1" row is circled in red, and a red arrow points to it from the bottom right.

Below the table is another section titled "My Courses" and "Elective or Enrolled Courses". It has a table with columns for "Course Name", "Status", and "Last Accessed", but it is currently empty.

3. Under “Course Activities”, click on HeartCode BLS HCP Course.

Marnie Kelly | Key Medical Center | [Student](#)

[My Courses](#) [My Transcript](#) [Catalog](#) [HospitalDirect®](#) [My Profile](#)

 **Course Details**
HeartCode BLS HCP Course - Part 1

Course Activities

Click the "Course Overview" link above to review the course description, learning objectives, and all available CE credit prior to beginning the learning activities below.

Activity	Status	Score	Last Accessed*
 HeartCode BLS HCP Course**	Not Yet Viewed		
 Evaluation**	Not Yet Viewed		

*All times listed in Eastern time zone.

4. Read the Disclaimer and if you agree, click on “I accept these terms” and Continue.

No responsibility is assumed by the authors, Laerdal Medical AS or the American Heart Association for any injury and/or damage to persons or property as a matter of liability, negligence or otherwise, or from any use or operation of any methods, products, instructions or ideas contained in this program. Because of rapid advances in the medical sciences, Laerdal Medical AS recommends that independent verification of diagnosis and drug dosages should be made by the appropriate medical authorities responsible for the medical control of your place of work.

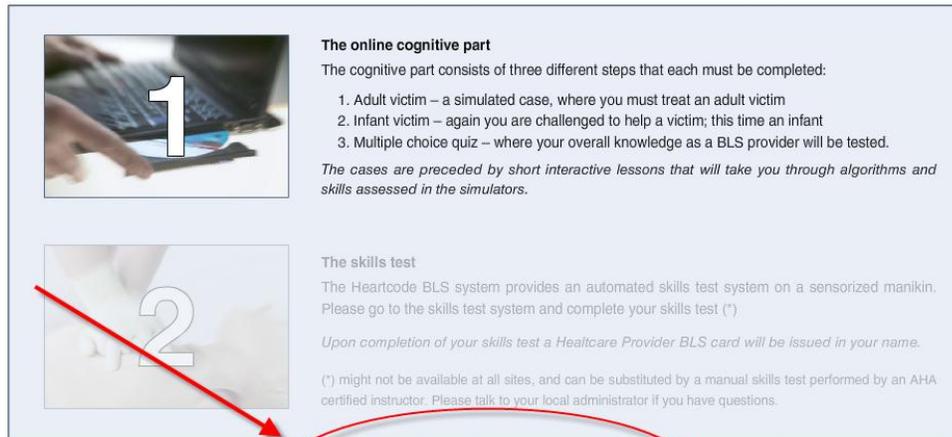
I accept these terms

Continue

5. Select “Begin Part I”.

Welcome to the American Heart Association HeartCode BLS Course

To claim your Healthcare Provider BLS card with this online program you have to complete the following two parts:



1

The online cognitive part
The cognitive part consists of three different steps that each must be completed:

1. Adult victim – a simulated case, where you must treat an adult victim
2. Infant victim – again you are challenged to help a victim; this time an infant
3. Multiple choice quiz – where your overall knowledge as a BLS provider will be tested.

The cases are preceded by short interactive lessons that will take you through algorithms and skills assessed in the simulators.

2

The skills test
The Heartcode BLS system provides an automated skills test system on a sensorized manikin. Please go to the skills test system and complete your skills test (*)

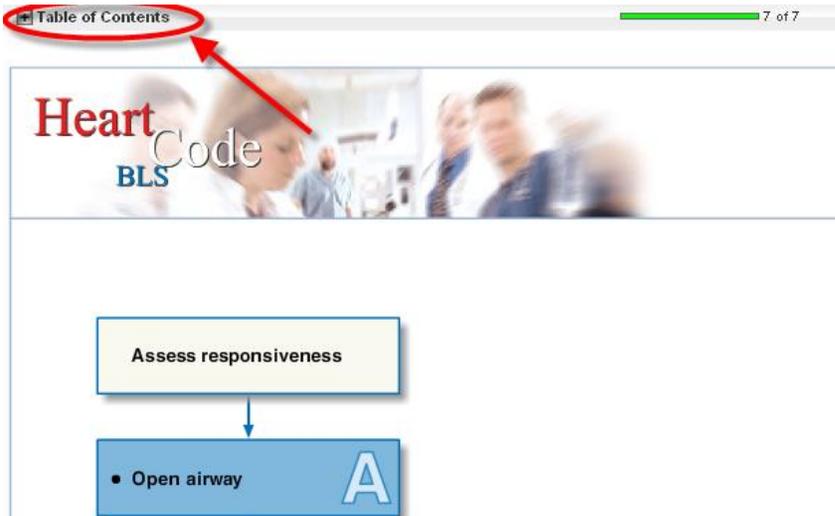
Upon completion of your skills test a Healthcare Provider BLS card will be issued in your name.

(*) might not be available at all sites, and can be substituted by a manual skills test performed by an AHA certified instructor. Please talk to your local administrator if you have questions.

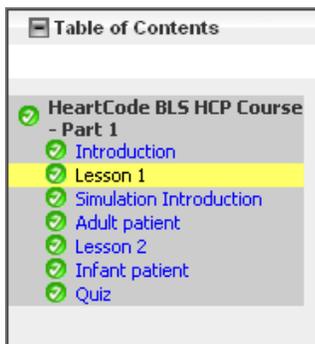
Begin part 1

Self Navigation Instructions

The program will automatically proceed through each section of the program: introduction, lessons and testing. You can choose to navigate through the program manually by clicking on the plus sign: + *Table of Contents* in the upper left corner.



This will display a drop down menu. You will receive a green checkmark for each section you successfully complete.



NOTE: Click on each section even if you do not go through the detail of that section.

Course Components

Overview Video	Video will provide the student with an introduction to the course and provides an explanation of navigation, cognitive testing, and the manikin skills check testing.
Introduction	Introduction to BLS for the Healthcare Provider
Lesson 1	Adult and Child BLS Lessons
Simulation Introduction	Introduction to microsimulation testing. This section will explain how to navigate the patient cases and let you know what to expect.
Adult Patient	Exam: Simulated case for treatment of an adult patient
Lesson 2	Infant BLS Lessons
Infant Patient	Exam: Simulated case for the treatment of an infant patient
Quiz	Exam: Multiple choice questions testing your overall BLS knowledge

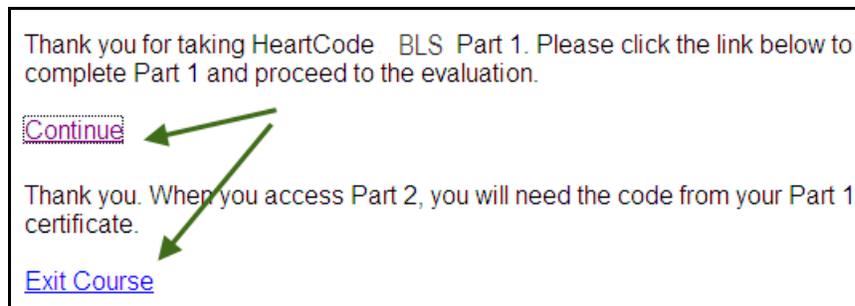
TIPS for HeartCode Part I

1. All table of content items must have a green check mark to indicate successful completion.
2. Watch the student tutorials prior to beginning patient scenarios.
3. Read the detailed debriefing that is offered after completion of each scenario.
4. You must complete the evaluation after completing Part I in order to receive your certificate.
5. You must have the certificate code in order to access Part 2.
6. Part 2 must be completed within 30 days of completing Part I.

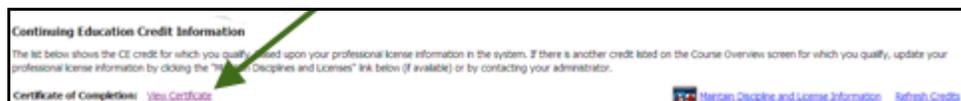
Evaluation



After completing Part 1, follow the prompts which will instruct you to click “Continue” then “Exit Course” as shown below. Click the link and proceed to the course evaluation. The evaluation will not automatically appear.



You must complete the course evaluation in order to print your certificate and receive completion code before proceeding to Part 2.



Important!

You must complete Part 2 within 30 days of completion of Part 1 otherwise you may be charged for an additional license fee. Also make sure Part 2 is completed before your CPR expiration date.

HeartCode BLS - Part One Certificate

After completing “HeartCode BLS HCP - Part 1” including a multiple choice exam, and the course evaluation, you will receive a certificate of completion.



NOTE: This course will be available on your transcript for review at any time over the next two years (until your next re-certification).



HeartCode BLS - Part Two Instructions

1. Log into Healthstream the same way you did for Part I.
2. From the My Courses page, select HeartCode BLS HCP Skills Test - Part 2



My Courses | My Transcript | Catalog | HospitalDirect® | My Profile | Site Map | Help

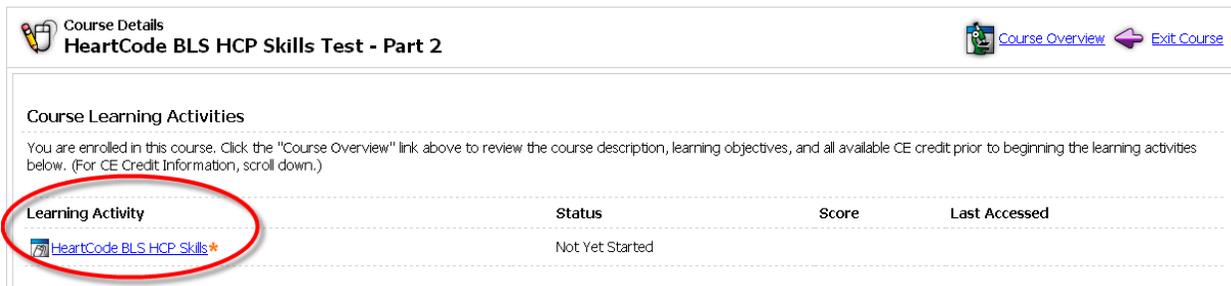
[Upcoming Classes](#) | [Classes to be Registered](#)

My Courses
Assigned Courses

Course Name	Due Date*	Course Status
HeartCode BLS HCP Skills Test - Part 2	07/31/2007	Assigned

*All assigned courses are due at midnight, Eastern Time.

3. Click on “HeartCode BLS HCP Skills” under Learning Activity



Course Details | **HeartCode BLS HCP Skills Test - Part 2** | [Course Overview](#) | [Exit Course](#)

Course Learning Activities
You are enrolled in this course. Click the "Course Overview" link above to review the course description, learning objectives, and all available CE credit prior to beginning the learning activities below. (For CE Credit Information, scroll down.)

Learning Activity	Status	Score	Last Accessed
HeartCode BLS HCP Skills*	Not Yet Started		

4. You will be asked to enter your certificate code from Part One.



Instructions: Enter the code from your Certificate of Completion for the cognitive portion of HeartCode BLS and click submit.

Certificate Code:

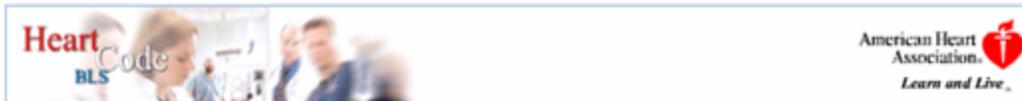
Information and Support

Should you experience technical difficulties or need assistance in using this course, contact customer service at:

Phone: 1-800-521-0574

Email: customer.service@healthstream.com

5. You will complete the HeartCode BLS HCP Skills Test - Part 2 using the manikin.
Select Manikin. The system records the completion on your transcript once you have successfully completed the course. See additional instructions below.



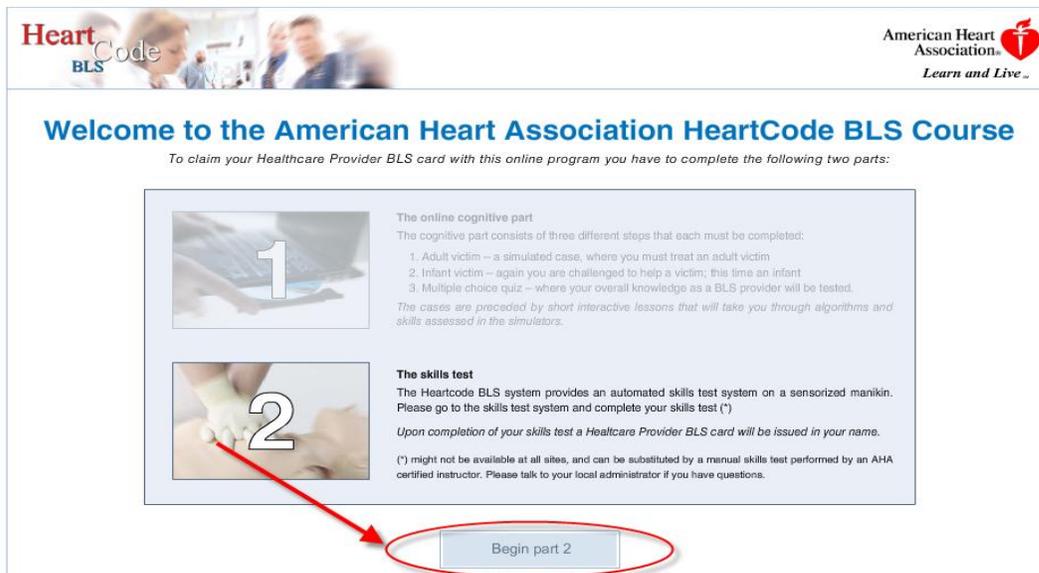
Welcome to the HeartCode BLS Skills Test.

Instructions: If you are going to take the skills test online, and have a manikin connected to this computer, select "Manikin" below. If you are going to take the skills test offline with an instructor, select "Instructor" below. If you would like to exit without making a decision at this time, select "Exit".



Part 2 Skills Check with Manikins

1. From the My Courses page, select HeartCode BLS HCP Skills Test - Part 2
2. Click on "Begin Part 2".



3. The computer will automatically start “Searching for manikins”. This may take a few seconds to complete. Once completed, all skills check activities will appear in bold print.

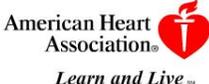
***Before and after skills testing, while wearing gloves, vigorously wipe the manikin face & chest and face masks with bleach wipes. Place used valve in appropriate marked container when completed.**

***Please do not eat or drink while in the HeartCode Lab.**

***Do not disconnect/reconnect cables to manikins and do not move the manikins. If you feel there is a manikin issue, please contact The Learning Center at #6841.**



Please watch the introductory video before beginning the assessment.



Manikin assessment - please select from the menu below



Adult manikin - none found

- Begin introduction to the adult assessment
- Begin chest compressions assessment
- Begin ventilations assessment
- Begin CPR assessment

Infant manikin - none found

- Begin introduction to the infant assessment
- Begin chest compressions assessment
- Begin ventilations assessment
- Begin CPR assessment

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No manikin located. Check cables and click here to repeat search.

4. Complete all 6 skills checks:

Adult Manikin

Introduction to the Adult Assessment

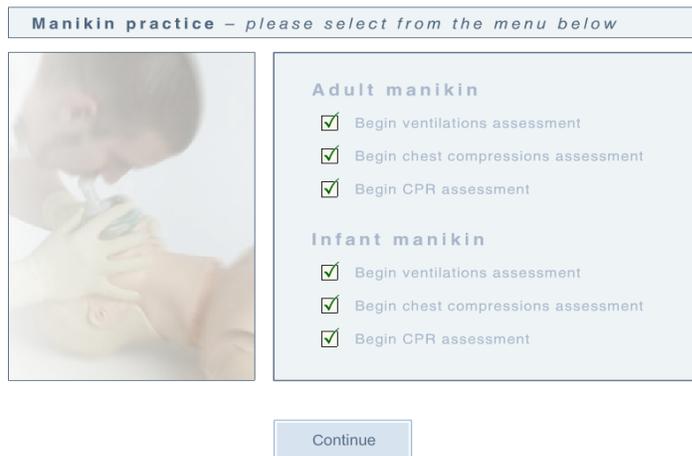
- Begin chest compression assessment
- Begin ventilations assessment **(use bag-mask for ventilations)**
- Begin CPR assessment **(use bag-mask or face mask for ventilations)**

Infant Manikin

Introduction to the Infant Assessment

- Begin chest compression assessment
- Begin ventilations assessment **(use bag-mask for ventilations)**
- Begin CPR assessment **(use bag-mask for ventilations)**

5. Click on each skill and listen to the instructions. Complete the skill as indicated and continue through the grading screens. A green check mark in the box will show successful completion of that skill.



6. After successful completion of all 6 skills, return to My Learning page, click on evaluation and complete.

If during Part 2 of HeartCode, you have spent more than 45-60 minutes on the skills portion, please STOP and contact The Learning Center at 410-871-6841 from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. for further assistance.

Your CPR card will be available for you to pick up in The Learning Center at the end of the month in which you completed HeartCode Part 2.

Manikin Helpful Hints

Do Not Stop when the manikin talks to you.

Make **Small Adjustments**.

Always **Submit** for testing even if you think you did not pass.

During the ventilation assessment, use the **Bag-Mask** with the “**EC**” technique for both the adult and infant.

During the CPR assessment, use the **Bag-Mask or Face Mask on the adult** and the **Bag-Mask on the infant**.

Do **3 Cycles Only** during the CPR assessment. More is not better.

Compress at a rate of **100 Compressions** per minute.

Allow the chest **Full Recoil** in between compressions.

Once positive feedback is achieved, try to continue in the same **Rhythm** until assessment is completed.

Adult

1. Allow **5 – 6 seconds** between ventilations.
2. Use proper body positioning to give compressions – **arms straight and shoulders directly over chest**. Use step stool if necessary for proper height.

Infant

1. **Do not hyperextend** the neck when opening the airway, this will close the airway.
2. Allow **3 – 5 seconds** between ventilations.

Remember the manikin is coaching you to perfection but is not grading you to it.

