

CPR CERTIFICATION
(including Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training)
for NYS Children's Camps and NYS Bathing Facilities

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(Go to health.ny.gov to view the most current certification list)

The New York State Sanitary Code (SSC) requires certain staff to possess a valid two-rescuer CPR certification in a course accepted by the Department as providing an adequate level of training and certification in the use of an AED as follows:

- **Children's Camps (Subpart 7-2 of the SSC)** - CPR certification is required for the health director and other staff specified in sections 7-2.8 and 7-2.11(a)(5), aquatics director, lifeguards, and certain trip and activity leaders¹.
- **Swimming Pools and Bathing Beaches (Part 6 of the SSC)** - CPR certification is required for all lifeguards (Supervision Levels I, IIa, IIb).
- **Children's Camps and Ocean Surf Beaches** – AED certification is required for at least one staff at children's camps and at least one lifeguard at ocean surf beaches.

CPR certifications are valid for one year from the date of certification, regardless of expiration date on card.

For AED certification only, certifications are valid for two years from the date of course completion.

Accepted Courses	
<i>Lifeguard Certifications listed on the Aquatic Certifications Fact Sheet with the notation "Separate certificate for CPR is not required in the first year of certification" are also acceptable CPR certifications for the first year of the lifeguard certification.</i>	
Provider	Certification Title
American Heart Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ BLS Instructor➤ BLS Provider (Course title - Basic Life Support) – Certification must be accompanied by a separate certification verifying completion of an in-person skills assessment.
American Lifeguard Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer Instructor Led
American Aquatics and Safety Training <small>*Certifications containing "Recertification" in the title are also valid</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ CPR/AED for BLS Providers*➤ CPR/AED for the Professionals*➤ CPR/AED for Lifeguards*➤ CPR/AED, Advanced First Aid*
American Red Cross <small>*Any certification title containing the following wording is acceptable, including "Review" or "Challenge":</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers"; or• "Basic Life Support"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers*➤ Basic Life Support*
Ellis & Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Health Care Provider BLS (CPR & AED)
Emergency Care and Safety Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Basic Life Support (BLS) for the Health Care Provider
Health & Safety Institute (HSI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Basic Life Support – Certification must include the statement "In-Person Skill Practice and Evaluation"
Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ BLS HCP Heartsaver (C) Provider➤ BLS Provider➤ Healthcare professional/AED (C) 5H
National Safety Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Basic Life Support for Healthcare & Professional Rescuers
New York City Department of Parks & Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Municipal CPR: Basic Life Support
Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ CPR PLUS
St. John Ambulance Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ CPR Level C & AED

¹ A trip leader of a camp trip that includes an activity where emergency medical care is not readily available or an activity such as wilderness hiking, rock climbing, camping, horseback riding, bicycling, swimming and/or boating shall possess or be accompanied by staff who possess certification in a course listed on this Fact Sheet. An activity leader of an activity on the camp property where other CPR certified staff is not readily available shall possess or be accompanied by staff who possess certification in a course listed on this Fact Sheet.