

Course: AED—Child

Purpose

To teach lay responders the knowledge and skills necessary to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) with pediatric AED pads on child victims between the ages of 1 and 8 or less than 55 pounds.

Prerequisites

Current American Red Cross CPR—Child certificate or equivalent that has been issued within 1 year of the course completion.

Learning Objectives

- Identify the links in the Cardiac Chain of Survival.
- Explain what defibrillation is and how it works.
- List the causes of cardiac arrest in young children.
- Explain the role of CPR in cardiac arrest.
- Identify the general steps for the use of an AED.
- Identify precautions when using an AED with pediatric pads on a child.
- Demonstrate how to use an AED with pediatric pads on a child.

Length

Approximately 1 hour

Instructor

A currently authorized American Red Cross instructor in Lay Responder First Aid and CPR/AED, Emergency Response, Lifeguarding or CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer program who has met state qualifications, where required.

Certification Requirements

- Attend and participate in all course sessions.
- Demonstrate competency in all required skills listed on the skills checklist.
- Participate in all skills sessions.
- Pass the written exam with a score of 80 percent or better.

Certificate Issued and Validity Period

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Participant Products/Materials

First Aid/CPR/AED for the Workplace Participant's Workbook (StayWell Stock No. 656694)

First Aid/CPR/AED for Schools and the Community Participant's Manual (StayWell Stock No. 652145)

Infant and Child CPR Skills Card (StayWell Stock No. 656695)

American Red Cross Universal Certificate