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Instructor to Student ratios for Healthcare Provider Courses

All BLS Instructors must ensure that the student ratio on BLS provider courses is within the Instructor to student ratio requirement of 1 Instructor to 6 students. We have received numerous rosters which have exceeded the 1:6 ratio. The required ratio ensures that all students are evaluated for skills performance and given adequate feedback. This ratio is also based on best practice and research in adult education.

Exceptions for Health Care Provider Level C *Renewal* courses only:

- An experienced instructor is delivering the program. (Experienced is defined as an Instructor who has taught more than 8 courses and has been facilitating BLS courses for 3 years with the new materials).

And

- The student population is experienced.

Compliance with the above exceptions must be in place order to increase the training ratio. In this instance the student numbers can be increased to a maximum ratio of 1:12. Please ensure that adequate time is added on to the course to accommodate the increased numbers. Refer to your BLS for Healthcare Providers Instructor Manual, Part 1, Page 4, Instructor to Student Ratio. Advise Resuscitation Education if any of your HCP Level C Renewal courses exceeded the 1:6 ratio by attaching the following to the roster:

- An agenda indicating the adjustments to the timing of the program to ensure each student has the specified time within the skill and testing stations.

We also noted that some rosters have exceeded the student ratios which are outside of this directive i.e. Heartsaver A and Heartsaver AED programs. These programs **cannot** exceed the ratio of 1:6.

These guidelines have been developed to ensure that your students receive the best possible learning experience. We are grateful for your assistance in reinforcing the above within your network. Thank you for your time and help in this matter.

Sincerely,



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