Earning an ACLS Certification by Kasey Clowe

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ACLS is a certification that can only be earned by qualified and experienced health care professionals, such as nurses, physicians, pharmacists, dentists, paramedics, therapists. ACLS providers are usually focused on giving urgent emergency treatment to victims of cardiac arrest, stroke, and other cardiopulmonary conditions.   
  
The American Heart Association (AHA) is the primary governing body that oversees the curriculum of ACLS. It administers the tests and also provides courses, both hands-on and online, and learning materials about the certification's coverage. The AHA also conducts a science review every five years to make sure that all aspects of the ACLS are up-to-date. The certification is valid for two years.