

ALS Team Leader Candidate Assessment Criteria

During the ACCCN National Advanced Life Support Program, you will be expected to meet the following assessment criteria:

Criteria	Performance
1. Demonstrates effective basic life support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follows the ANZCOR BLS algorithm DRSABCD Assesses and removes dangers Assesses response Activates emergency response system Clears and open the airway demonstrating correct technique for head tilt chin lift and jaw thrust Assesses for normal breathing Progresses through the BLS algorithm with minimal delay Performs CPR correctly demonstrating correct depth and rate of compressions; rise and fall of the chest during breath delivery
2. Demonstrates advanced airway management skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correctly checks and uses a bag valve mask system Sizes and fits an oropharyngeal airway (OA) Sizes and fits a supraglottic airway (SGA) Selects and set up equipment and assist with intubation – Paediatrics only Confirm correct position of ETT/SGA States modification to CPR and breath rate following successful intubation/insertion of an advanced airway
3. Demonstrates safe defibrillation technique C.O.A.C.H.E.D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connects patient to defibrillator correctly Charges pads during compressions Utilises the COACHED communication tool to ensure safety Analyses rhythms correctly and identifies shockable or non-shockable side of the algorithm Has situational awareness to ensure the team is safe when delivering the shock Delivers the shock with minimal pause to compressions Safely disarms defibrillator if non-shockable rhythm present Ensures that CPR immediately commences after defibrillation/dismarking
4. Follows ALS algorithm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correctly identifies the rhythm and selects the appropriate side of the ALS algorithm Initiates appropriate treatment (e.g. defibrillation, IV/IO cannulation, advanced airway management) Orders correct drugs, doses, and administration intervals Assesses reversible causes Treats or manages reversible causes Recognises return of spontaneous circulation Manages post resuscitation care relevant to the patient scenario
5. Demonstrates closed loop communication and effectively manages ALS team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directs the ALS team within the role as ALS Team leader including allocation of other roles Provide feedback to BLS/first responder team and communicates throughout simulation Demonstrates situational awareness and prioritises throughout simulation Minimises interruptions to compressions throughout simulation i.e. due to intubation, IV/IO insertion Troubleshoots problems (e.g. IV access unobtainable)

Performance Level: Achievement of ALS Team Leader competency will be categorised as follows:

Certificate of Achievement – Candidate successfully meets the above criteria

Certificate of Attendance – Candidate is not successful; does not meet the above criteria.

This certificate is only issued for CPD points.

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