

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	- 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	- 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	- 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	- 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	- 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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