

Training Memo

Challenge Option Defined

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Purpose This memo is to define a course “challenge” option.

Definition A “challenge” occurs when a student requests to complete course testing requirements without participating in an AHA classroom or online course. Instructors must follow all course testing requirements as defined in the appropriate Instructor Manual for the course testing requirements being challenged.

Processes

- Students **cannot** challenge a course until **1** year after the release date of the corresponding product materials. The only exception is for an instructor updating his or her provider card if the instructor has completed the 2010 Science Updates required.
- Students must show their current AHA course completion card before testing. An expired AHA course completion card is not acceptable.
- Students must show the instructor that they have the appropriate and current course manual.
- All testing must be performed by an instructor who is current in the discipline of the AHA course being tested.
- There is no option for practice or coaching.
- The challenge testing must be done as a separate session and cannot be associated with a skills session from a classroom-based provider course or Part 3 of a blended learning course.
- The challenge testing must be performed with a 1:1 student-to-instructor ratio.
- The testing session will be stopped at the first point the student fails.
- No remediation is allowed within the challenge option. A student may not reattempt the challenge testing.
- If the student fails the challenge testing, no card will be issued by the Training Center, and the student should be referred to a provider course.
- A course roster must be completed for the challenge, regardless of whether the student passes or fails.