

CPR/AED Certification Provider Reference Guide



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Introduction

Exercise professionals have a duty to provide emergency care, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), when the situation arises. It is critical that exercise professionals are properly trained and skilled at providing immediate cardiac care of this nature. As such, obtaining and maintaining appropriate safety certifications is an important element of risk management for both exercise professionals and their employers.

Effective January 1, 2016, all NETA-certified Personal Trainers, both new and renewing, must hold a valid adult CPR and AED certification from a nationally recognized provider. All NETA-certified Group Exercise Instructors, both new and renewing, must hold a valid adult CPR certification from a nationally-recognized provider. Nationally-recognized providers qualified to provide such training and certifications include, but are not limited to the American Heart Association (AHA), the American Red Cross (ARC), the American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI), and the National Safety Council (NSC). NETA will only accept CPR and AED certifications that include a live hands-on skills assessment, completed either in-person or virtually, with a qualified and authorized instructor. In other words, NETA will not accept CPR/AED certification completed entirely online, without a live practical skills evaluation. For more information regarding NETA's CPR/AED requirements, please see NETA's [Exam Candidate Handbook](#) and [Recertification Handbook](#), which may be found on NETA's website.

CPR is a physical skill that requires hands-on instruction and practice. NETA's policy requiring CPR/AED certification that includes a hands-on practical skills assessment is consistent with standards established by the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), and the Medical Fitness Association (MFA), as well as other respected organizations (Galassi, 2012; MFA, 2013; Sanders, 2019; Shenefelt, 2013; Tharrett & Peterson, 2012).

Many CPR/AED certification providers offer blended learning opportunities through which students initially gain knowledge via online, computer-based learning activities. Upon completion of the online portion of the certification course, the student then attends a live workshop at which key learnings are reviewed, the hands-on skills are practiced and evaluated, and finally a written multiple-choice examination is administered. It is only upon success completion of both the online and the live hands-on component of the course is the participant granted their official CPR/AED certification.

The following CPR/AED Certification Reference Guide is intended to provide guidance with regard to the evaluation and selection of appropriate CPR/AED certification providers. Although we have made every effort to include as many providers as possible, this reference guide is not inclusive of all CPR/AED providers in existence. **Please contact NETA's office at 1-800-237-6242 or neta@netafit.org if you have questions regarding CPR/AED Providers *before* you pursue certification with a provider not listed in this Guide.**

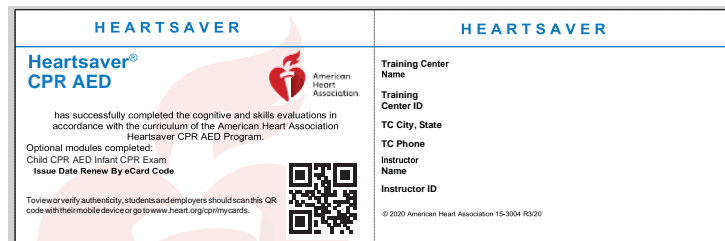
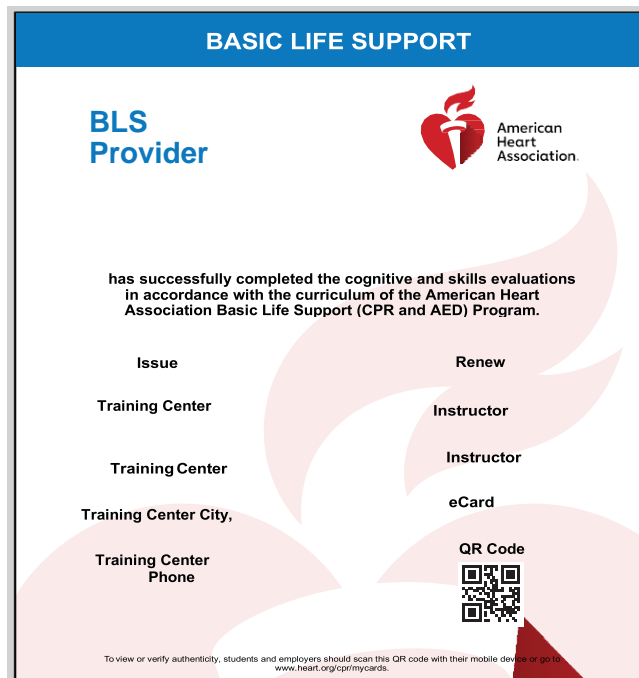
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American Heart Association

<http://www.heart.org>

NETA accepts Heartsaver and Healthcare Professional level (e.g., BLS, ACLS) certifications offered by the American Heart Association (AHA). NETA does *not* accept the Friends & Family CPR course, which is an orientation to CPR, but is not a certifying or credentialing course. AHA CPR/AED certifications require completion of a live hands-on skills assessment. For blended learning courses, the participant will first complete the online portion of the certification course. Within 60 days of completion, then must visit an AHA approved Training Center or Instructor to complete the hands-on skills assessment and earn the official certification. If the hands-on skills assessment is not completed with 60 days following the online component, then the individual must retake the online portion of the course.



The American Heart Association's *Course Card Reference Guide* (September 2022) provides samples of all current wallet cards and e-certificates.

https://cpr.heart.org/-/media/CPR-Files/Resources/Course-Card-Information/9_21_22_Files/KJ-0916_CCRG_9-22_secured-5.pdf

AHA certificates may be verified by visiting:

<https://ecards.heart.org/student/myecards?pid=ahaecard.employerStudentSearch>

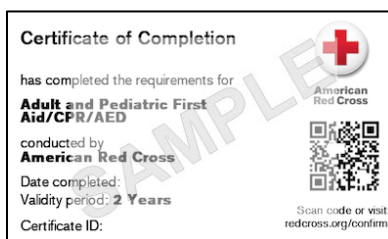
American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org>

NETA accepts American Red Cross (ARC) CPR/AED certifications that include a live hands-on skills assessment. The American Red Cross only issues full certification upon completion of an in-person workshop or a blended learning course that combines both online learning followed by hands-on training and skills evaluation. The ARC does offer an online learning course, which grants a certificate of completion, but this does *not* represent the full ARC CPR/AED certification. The certification wallet card or e-certificate issued upon completion of a full certification course through the ARC will include the ARC chapter or instructor’s name. The certificate of completion issued after completion of an online learning course does not include an instructor’s name and therefore is not accepted.

Please Note: NETA does not accept the ‘online only’ certifications offered by the American Red Cross, which are intended for laypersons. As noted in the online only course description on the ARC website, *“The 2021 Adult CPR/AED online course equips students with the knowledge necessary to recognize and care for a variety of breathing, and cardiac emergencies involving adults. To receive a valid 2 year Red Cross digital certificate that is OSHA compliant and meets other workplace and regulatory requirements, you must enroll in an Instructor-led skill session within 90 days of completing the online course.”*

NETA does not accept the ARC instructor-level certification since the instructor recertification assessment is completed entirely online. NETA only accepts an appropriate basic-level CPR/AED certification from the American Red Cross (ARC). In order to be an instructor for the ARC, instructors must maintain their ‘basic-level’ certification. As noted in the ARC Instructor manual, “To maintain certification as an instructor, you must: ... “Maintain an Adult CPR/AED basic-level certification.” As such, NETA only accepts basic-level certifications granted by the ARC.





ARC certificates may be verified by visiting: <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/digital-certificate>

American Safety & Healthy Institute

<http://www.hsi.com/ashi>



NETA accepts all CPR/AED certifications provided by the American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI). ASHI does not offer, recognize, or accept any online-only layperson basic life support (BLS) or CPR certification. Certification of participants requires face-to-face evaluation of hands-on skills by an authorized instructor to verify skill competency. The ASHI CPR, AED, and First Aid training programs are developed and administered by the Health and Safety Institute (HSI). ASHI CPR, AED, and First Aid training programs are equivalent to the CPR, AED, and First Aid training programs developed and administered by the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross.

 CPR, AED, and Basic First Aid Certification Card	ASHI-Approved Certification Card	
	Jacob Instructor Authorized Instructor (Print Name)	
Jill Student has successfully completed and competently performed the required knowledge and skill objectives for this program.	156283 Registry No.	02/01/2015 Expiration Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child and Infant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult, Child, and Infant <i>Card is void if more than one box is checked.</i>	02/01/2013 Class Completion Date	139622 Training Center I.D.
	541-123-1234 Training Center Phone No.	
	<small>This card certifies the holder has demonstrated the required knowledge and skill objectives to a currently authorized ASHI Instructor. Certification does not guarantee future performance, or imply licensure or credentialing. Course content conforms to the 2010 AHA Guidelines for CPR and ECC, and other evidence-based treatment recommendations. Certification period may not exceed 24 months from class completion date. More frequent reinforcement of skills is recommended.</small>	

American CPR Care Association

<https://cprcare.com/blended/>



American CPR Care Association offers both online-only and blended learning (i.e., online + live virtual hands-on skills evaluation) courses. **NETA will only accept CPR/AED certifications granted by American CPR Care Association after completion of a blending learning course including a live hands-on practical skills evaluation.** The online-only certification course will not be accepted. **NETA will only accept a certification card that indicates a hands-on skills evaluation was completed, as seen on the sample card below.** Each certification card includes a unique customer ID on the bottom right, which may be used to verify card authenticity.

Name: Sample Student		Instructor's Signature 
CPR/AED: Adult, Child, Infant (BLS) & Standard First Aid + Hands On Skills Evaluation		Holder's Signature _____
This card certifies that the above individual has successfully completed the requirements in accordance with American CPR Care Association's curriculum.		Call 911 in case of a medical emergency Call 1-800-222-1222 in a poison emergency For CPR/AED or First Aid training information, call 1-888-808-9109 or visit cprcare.com
03/15/2022 Issue Date	03/15/2024 Renewal Date	American CPR Care Association Renewal recommended every 2 years 2315709-417950

American Health Care Academy

<https://cpraedcourse.com/blended-learning>

American Health Care Academy offers both online-only and blended learning (i.e., online + live virtual hands-on skills evaluation) courses. **NETA will only accept CPR/AED certifications granted by American Health Care Academy after completion of a blending learning course including a live hands-on practical skills evaluation.** The online-only certification course will not be accepted. **NETA will only accept a certification card that indicates a hands-on skills evaluation was completed, as seen on the sample card below.** Each certification card includes a unique customer ID on the bottom right, which may be used to verify card authenticity.

Name: Sample Student		Instructor's Signature 
CPR/BLS & First Aid + Hands On Skills Evaluation		Holder's Signature _____
This card certifies that the above individual has successfully completed the requirements in accordance with American Health Care Academy's curriculum.		Call 911 in case of a medical emergency Call 1-800-222-1222 in a poison emergency For CPR/AED or First Aid training information, call 1-888-277-7865 or visit cpraedcourse.com
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American Safety Training Institute

<https://www.americansti.org/>

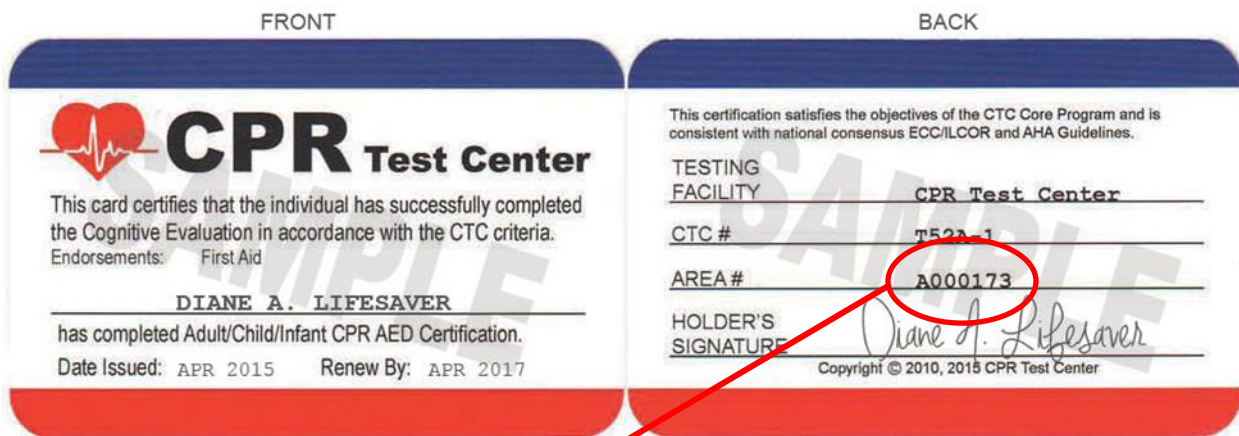
American Safety Training Institute delivers blended (i.e., hybrid) training courses involving both online learning and a live skills evaluation, in-person courses, and entirely online trainings. **NETA will only accept CPR/AED certifications granted by American Safety Training Institute after the completion of a live hands-on practical skills evaluation.** The entirely online training will not be accepted.



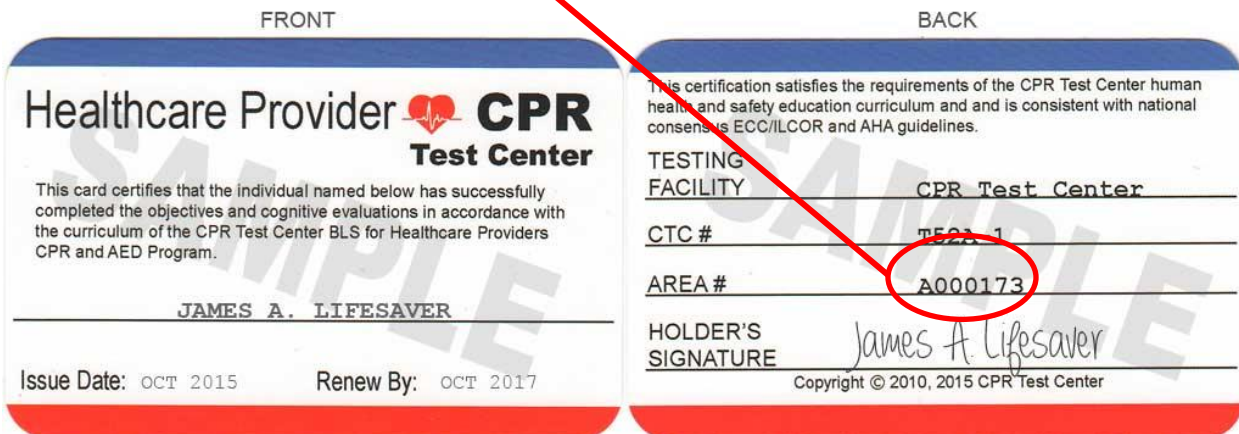
CPR Test Center

<http://www.cprtestcenter.com/>

CPR Test Center delivers both online-only and blended learning certification courses. **NETA will only accept CPR Test Center certifications earned after completing a blended learning course that includes a hands-on skills assessment.** On the back of the CPR Test Center wallet card, there is a line titled "Area #" and a corresponding code. The first letter in the Area # code determines the type of course that was completed. "A" indicates a blended learning course, "B" indicates an online-only course, and "C" indicates a classroom course. Course codes beginning with either "A" or "C" include a hands-on skills assessment and therefore will be accepted by NETA. Certifications with an Area # code beginning with "B" are not accepted.



NOTE: NETA will only accept CPR Test Center certifications indicated by an Area # code beginning with either "A" or "C".



Ellis Education Services

<https://jellis.com/>

Ellis Education Services delivers both blended (i.e., hybrid) training courses involving both online learning and a live skills evaluation, and in-person courses. **NETA will only accept CPR/AED certifications granted by Ellis Education Services after the completion of a live hands-on practical skills evaluation.** If the student only completed the online portion of a hybrid course, then they receive a digital form acknowledging the completion of the online portion. Students receive the official certification upon completing the skills evaluation. See example below:

ELLISEDUCATION SERVICES

Community Adult CPR & AED

Certification Issued to:

Certification Number:

Completed on: / / Certification Expires on: / /

Instructor Name:

Training Center:

QR CODE

The bearer of this certification has demonstrated the knowledge and the skills required to successfully complete this Ellis Education Services course, provided by an authorized Training Center and Instructor. Complete curriculum information and validation of this certification may be confirmed by scanning the QR code above or by entering the certification number into the validation tool located at jellis.com.

Questions or comments? Email us at: education@jellis.com

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Questions or comments? Email Us at: education@jellis.com

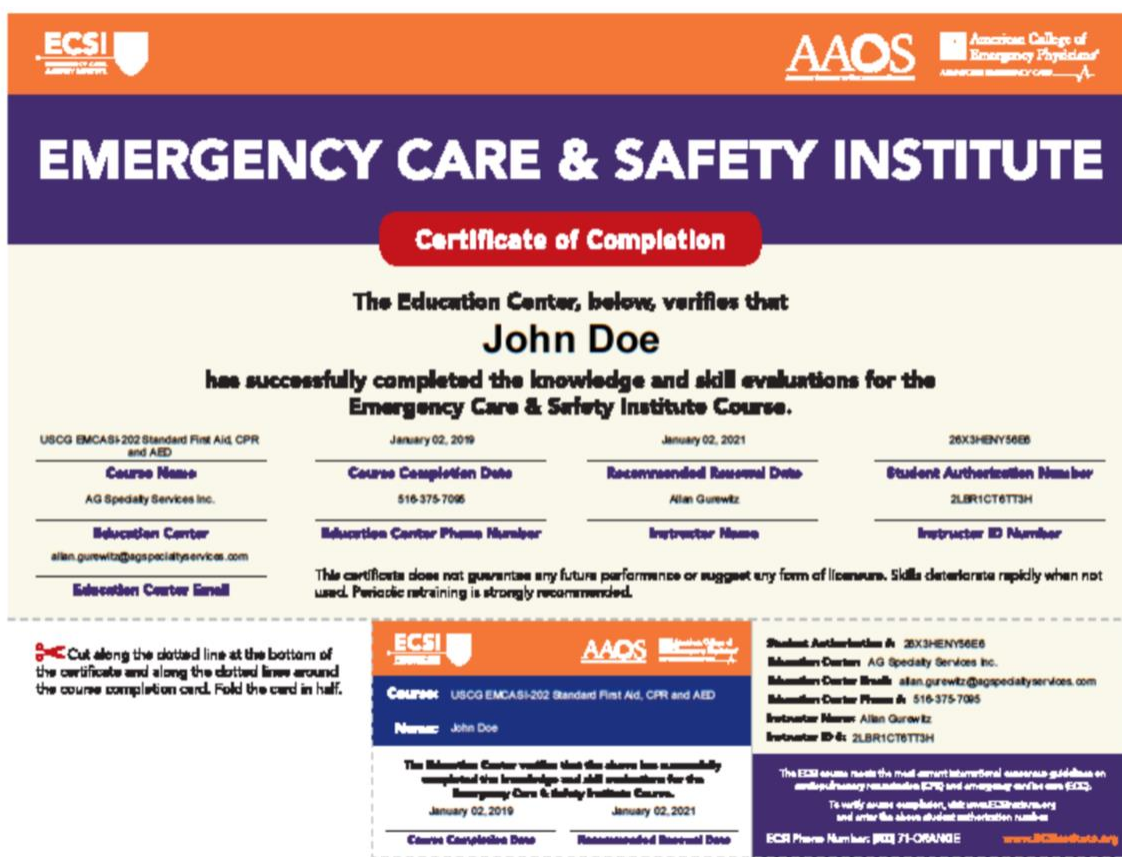
AUTHORIZED IAOET PROVIDER

Ellis Education Services certificates may be verified by visiting: <https://jellis.com/cert-check>

Emergency Care & Safety Institute

<http://www.ecsinstitute.org/>

The *Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI)* offers both blended (i.e., hybrid) training courses involving both online learning and a live skills evaluation, and in-person courses. **NETA will only accept CPR/AED certifications granted by ECSI after the completion of a live hands-on practical skills evaluation.** If the student only completed the online portion of a hybrid course, then the certificate will specifically state that it is only for the online portion. ECSI certificates for the full classroom course or the card given to a student after they complete the in-person mandatory skills evaluation states they completed the Knowledge and Skill Evaluation for the ECSI course and then states the actual course. See sample provided below.



ECSI certificates may be verified by visiting: <http://www.ecsinstitute.org/EdCenter/StudentCertificateLookup.aspx>

EMS Safety Services

<http://www.emssafetyservices.com/>

NETA accepts all CPR/AED certifications provided by EMS Safety Services. All CPR/AED classes offer by EMS Safety Services are conducted in-person and include a live hands-on skills evaluation. See sample certification card provided below.

CPR	STUDENT NAME	Sample Student	
	ISSUE DATE	1/31/2017	
	EXPIRATION DATE	1/31/2019	
	AED	YES	NO
	Adult CPR	X	
	Child CPR	X	
	Infant CPR	X	

The holder of this card has successfully completed the training and skills testing required for certification in the EMS Safety course(s) specified. Training is consistent with the most current AHA ECC Guidelines, and exceeds the requirements by Federal OSHA for a workplace responder.

Access Student Portal: www.emssafety.com/login

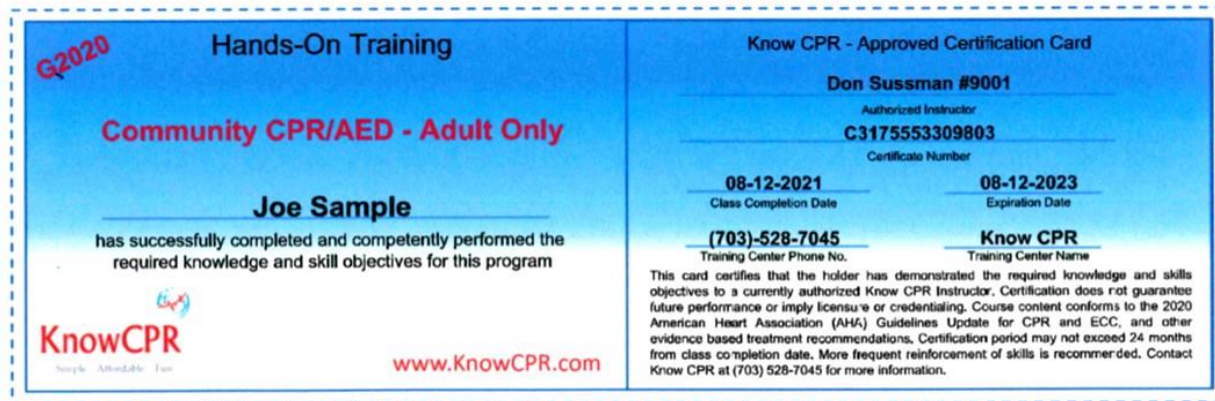
INSTRUCTOR NAME	Joshua Brownlie	INSTRUCTOR NUMBER	CA3113
INSTRUCTOR EMAIL	jbrownlie@emssafety.com		
INSTRUCTOR PHONE	(714) 514-1572	DIGITAL CARD NUMBER	D100080

(800) 215-9555 www.emssafety.com (800) 215-9555 www.emssafety.com

Know CPR

<https://knowcpr.com/>

NETA accepts all CPR/AED certifications provided by Know CPR. Know CPR offers in-person and hybrid (both online learning and a live skills evaluation) CPR/AED and first aid training courses. All in-person and hybrid training include mandatory hands-on training and skills evaluation by a Know CPR-certified instructor. Hands-on skills are evaluated either: (1) in-person, or (2) remotely via web conference on manikins that have been sent to the student prior to class. All students must complete the hands-on skills evaluation to receive the official certification below.

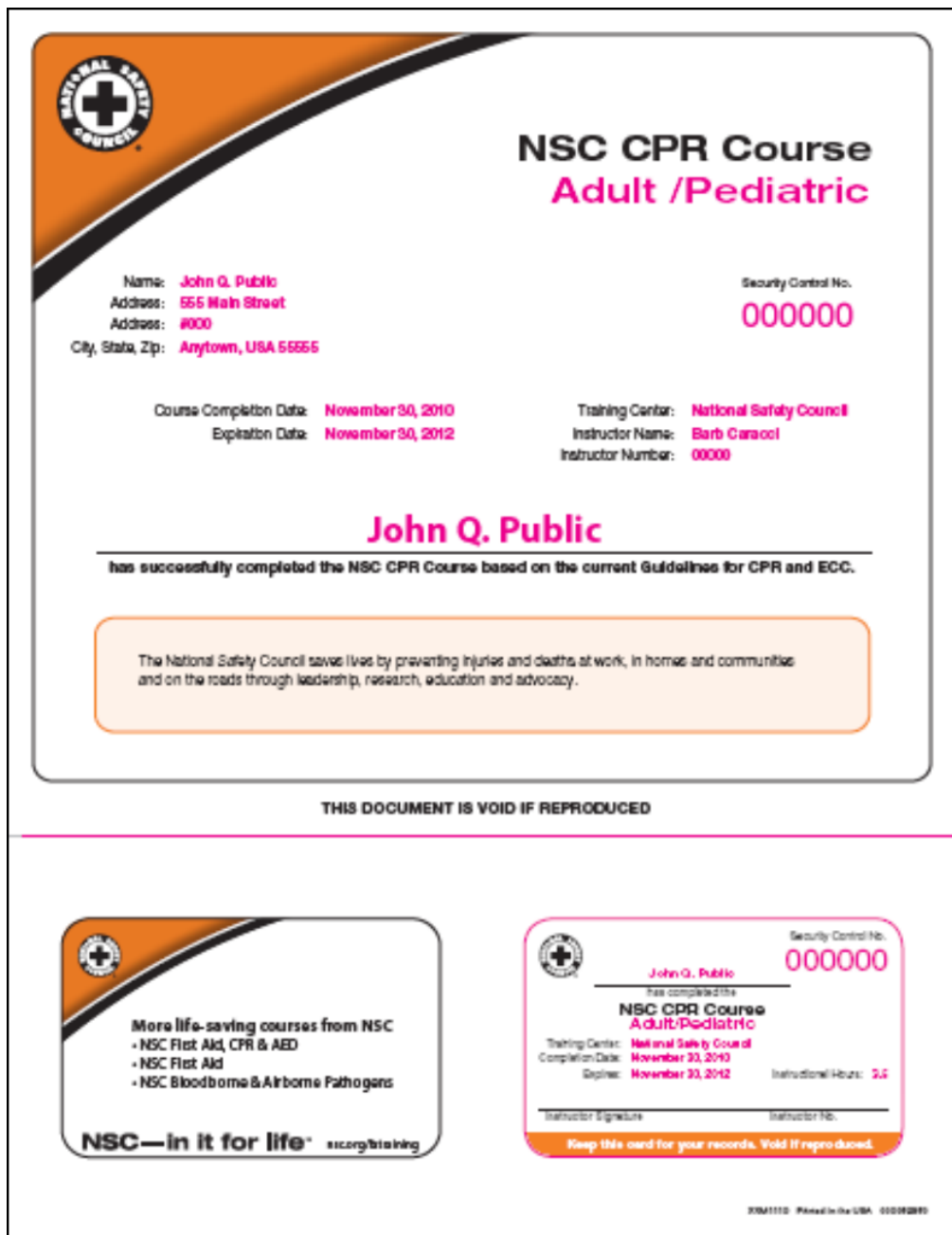


Know CPR certificates may be verified by visiting: <https://knowcpr.com/check.php>

National Safety Council

<http://www.nsc.org/learn/Safety-Training/Pages/first-aid-training>

NETA accepts all CPR/AED certifications provided by the National Safety Council (NSC). The NSC offers instructor-led classroom courses as well as blended learning format, which combines online training with a 2-hour hands-on skills testing session. Students who successfully complete the written exam and skills testing receive a nationally recognized NCS course completion card. The certification card is issued only to those who successfully complete both components of the certification course.



Pacific Medical Training

<https://pacificmedicaltraining.com/index.html>

<https://911coned.com/>

Pacific Medical Training (PMT) delivers both online-only and blended learning certification courses. The certification card issued by PMT is similar for both online and blended learning courses. **NETA will only accept PMT certification cards that are accompanied by a completed [Skills Verification Form](#).**

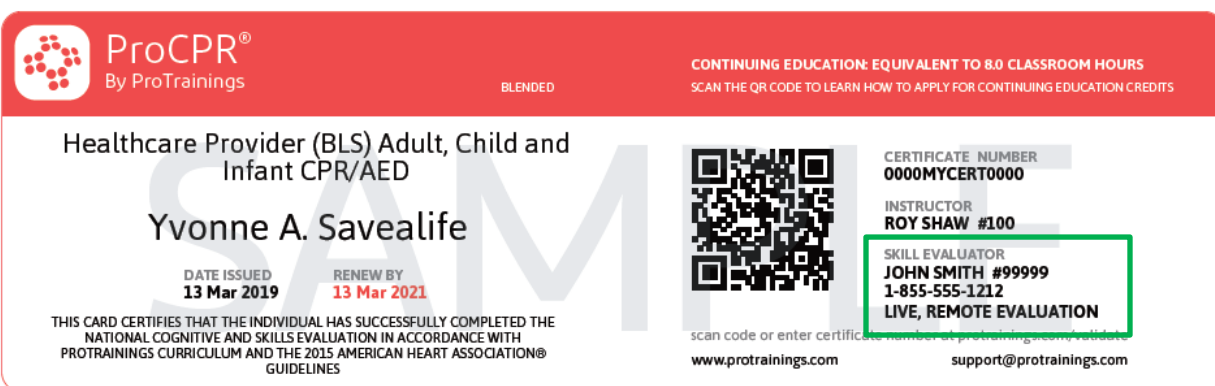
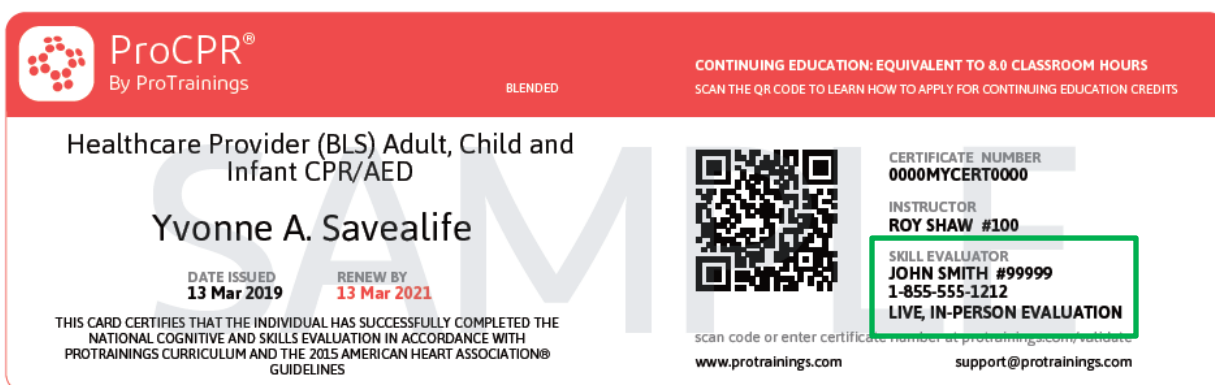
BASIC LIFE SUPPORT	
BLS Provider	
SAMPLE STUDENT	
<small>This card certifies that the individual above has successfully completed the Basic Life Support (BLS) course requirements and cognitive evaluation in accordance with Pacific Medical Training curriculum and American Heart Association® guidelines.</small>	
Jan 09, 2017 <small>Issue date</small>	Jan 09, 2019 <small>Expiration date</small>
<small>To verify this card is valid, please call 1-800-417-1748</small>	
Region:	Multi-Region
Training Center:	Pacific Medical Training
Site:	Southwest
<hr/> <small>Cardholder's signature</small>	
<small>© Pacific Medical Training</small>	

ProTrainings (Pro CPR)

<http://www.protrainings.com/>

ProTrainings offers several certifications known as *Pro CPR*, *Pro CPR Basic*, *Pro First Aid*, *Pro First Aid Advanced*, *Community CPR*, and others. ProTrainings delivers both online-only and blended learning certification courses. **NETA will only accept ProTrainings certifications earned after completing a blended learning course that includes a hands-on skills assessment.**

All CPR/AED, BLS, and First Aid trainings and knowledge-based testing is completed online at www.protrainings.com/courses. Skills are then evaluated either: (1) [remotely via web conference](#) by one of their in-house CPR instructors or (2) in person by a registered ProTrainings Skill Evaluator or certified CPR Instructor. The Blended Certificate looks similar to the regular version, except on the back there will be a listing for the Skill Evaluator's Name and registry number.



ProTrainings certificates may be verified by visiting: <https://www.protrainings.com/certifications/validate>

For more information regarding course completion cards, please see the [ProTrainings Compliance Packet](#)

Advanced Medical Certification

<https://advancedmedicalcertification.com/>

Advanced Medical Certification courses are completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by *Advanced Medical Certification*.**

American Academy of CPR and First Aid, Inc.

<http://www.onlinecprcertification.net/>

American Academy of CPR and First Aid certification courses are completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by the American Academy of CPR and First Aid, Inc.**

American AED CPR Association

<https://www.aedcpr.com/>

American AED CPR Association courses are completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by the American AED CPR Association.**

American Health Training

<https://www.americanhealthtraining.com/>

American Health Training certification courses are completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by the American Health Training.**

American Life & Health Foundation

<http://www.cprandfirstaid.net/>

American Life & Health Foundation courses are completed entirely online via www.cprandfirstaid.net. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by American Life & Health Foundation.**

CardioReady Training

<https://www.cardioreadytraining.com/>

The *CardioReady Training* course is completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by CardioReady Training.**

CPR Certified – Indigo Medical Training

<https://www.cprcertified.com/>

CPR Certified courses are completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by CPR Certified – Indigo Medical Training.**

e-CPR Certification

<http://ecprcertification.com/>

e-CPR Certification courses are completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by e-CPR Certification.**

First Aid Web, Inc.

<http://www.firstaidweb.com>

First Aid Web certification courses are completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by First Aid Web, Inc.**

International CPR Institute, Inc.

<http://www.icpri.com/>

International CPR Institute certification courses are completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by the International CPR Institute, Inc.**

National CPR Foundation

<https://www.nationalcprfoundation.com/>

National CPR Foundation certification courses are completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by the National CPR Foundation.**

National Health Care Provider Solutions

<https://nhcps.com/>

National Health Care Provider Solutions courses are completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by *National Health Care Provider Solutions*.**

National Health & Safety Association

<https://www.cpr.io/>

National Health & Safety Association courses are completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by *National Health & Safety Association*.**

New Life CPR

<http://www.newlifecpr.com/>

New Life CPR certification courses are completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by *New Life CPR*.**

ProMed Certifications

<https://promedcert.com/>

ProMed Certifications courses are completed entirely online. **NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by *ProMed Certifications*.**

ResusciTech

<https://resuscitech.io/>

ResusciTech CPR certification is completed using smartphone-based app and does not include a live hands-on skills evaluation conducted by a qualified and authorized instructor. **As such, NETA will not accept CPR/AED certifications granted by ResusciTech.**

Simple CPR

(aka American Health Association)

<https://www.simplecpr.com/>

Simple CPR certification courses are completed entirely online (with the exception of classes offered at Simple CPR's facilities located in Sacramento, CA and Modesto, CA, which do include a hands-on skills assessment). Certification cards provided after completion of a Simple CPR online course indicate that it is issued from the American Health Association. **NETA will not accept online CPR/AED certifications granted by Simple CPR (aka the American Health Association).**