

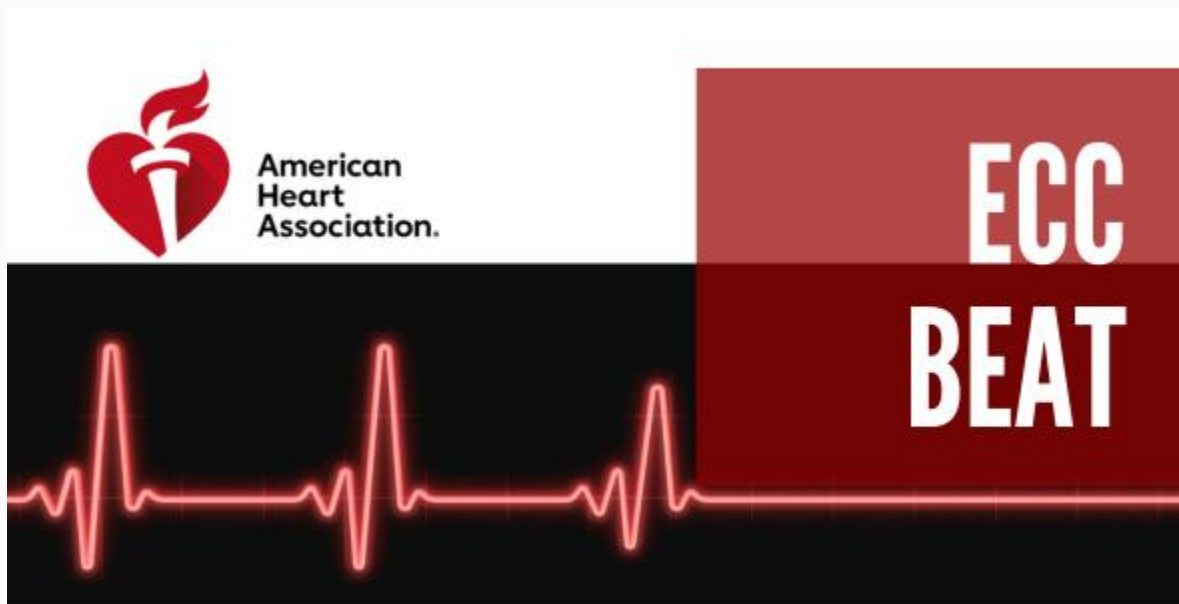
ECC Beat September 3, 2026

This issue has updates to the PAM and early bird pricing for the AHA Training Network Conference in March of 2027.

We are in compliance with the PAM updates for Instructor Contracts and a Quality Assurance Plan. We are reviewing those and will make any necessary updates.

See links below for Blended, eLearning, and Training Central webinars.

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September 3, 2026*The Pulse This Week...*

Please Note: To view information in some links, you will be required to log in to your Heart Association Atlas account.

In observance of the Labor Day Holiday, Association Customer Support for Atlas, ShopCPR, and the Professional Education Hub will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026. Please plan accordingly.

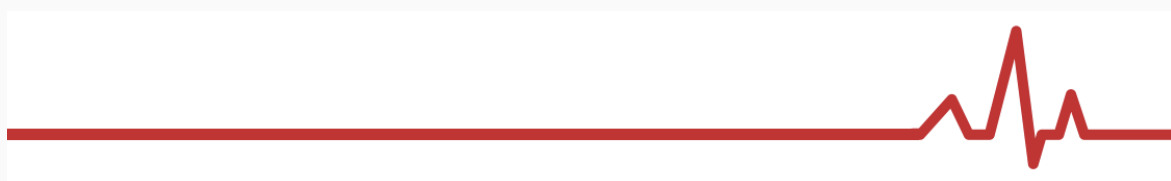


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American Heart Association

March 9 & 10, 2027
Austin, TX



2027

National ECC
Training Network
CONFERENCE

Take Advantage of Early-Bird Pricing for the 2027 National ECC Training Network Conference

Get ready for an incredible experience! Be sure to reserve your spot for the American Heart Association 2027 National ECC Training Network Conference and save with early-bird pricing.

Registration is officially open for the conference, taking place **March 9-10, 2027**, in Austin, Texas. Attendees who register by November 30, 2026, can save \$50 with the **discounted early-bird rate of \$300** before standard registration pricing begins **December 1**.

Conference Overview

 **Location: Renaissance Austin Hotel, Austin, Texas**

Tuesday, March 9, 2027

- Breakfast & Registration: 7:00-8:20 a.m.
- Welcome & Opening Remarks: 8:30-8:55 a.m.
- Lunch: 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- Sessions: 1:05-5:00 p.m.
- Reception: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10, 2027

- Breakfast: 7:00-8:00 a.m.
- Sessions: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

All times are listed in Central Time.

Registration Pricing

- **Early-Bird Registration:** \$300 through November 30, 2026
- **Standard Registration:** \$350 beginning December 1, 2026, through the start of the conference

Whether you're looking to strengthen your knowledge, connect with colleagues across the Training Network, or learn about the latest developments in resuscitation education, the National ECC Training Network Conference offers valuable opportunities to learn, collaborate and grow.

[Register Today](#)

Hotel Accommodations

Attendees who wish to stay on-site can reserve a room at the Renaissance Austin Hotel using the conference room block and discounted group rate.

[Book My Room](#)



Toolkits to Honor the Legacy of 9/11 Through Volunteer Opportunities and Activities This Month

As we approach the 25th anniversary of 9/11, the American Heart Association invites families, volunteers, community supporters, schools and companies to participate in 9/11 Day: September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance. This nationwide movement encourages meaningful acts of service that strengthen communities. Throughout September, participants can take part in several self-guided volunteer opportunities, including:

- Nation of Lifesavers activities focused on Hands-Only CPR awareness and cardiac emergency preparedness. Supporters are encouraged to register with the provided link to attend our [Hands-Only CPR Awareness Webinar](#) on September 11.
- Gratitude activities honoring first responders through messages of appreciation and wellness resources.
- 9/11 Remembrance Walks that promote reflection, connection and heart-healthy movement. Participants are also encouraged to join a local Heart Walk this fall.

Share [this webpage](#) that outlines these opportunities and directs participants to complete a JotForm. After submitting the form, participants will receive downloadable toolkits and resources to help plan their service activities. These

toolkits make it easy to honor the spirit of service, compassion and unity inspired by September 11.



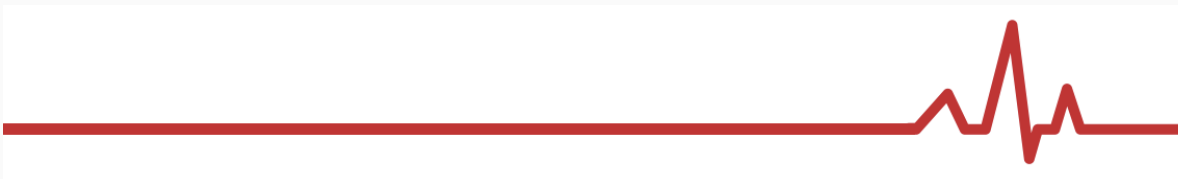
Two New Cohort Opportunities for Built to Thrive Pilot Program for Healthcare and Retail Organizations

Healthcare and retail employers now have an opportunity to join Built to Thrive, a cohort-based program from the American Heart Association Well-being Works Better™ initiative designed to help organizations strengthen workforce health, well-being, and performance. The program brings together employers within the same industry to learn from workplace well-being experts, share best practices and implement strategies that support both employee health and business outcomes.

Recruitment is currently open for two new industry-specific cohorts focused on healthcare and retail organizations. Participants will gain access to expert guidance, peer learning opportunities, tailored resources and practical tools to create healthier, more engaged workplaces. Employers interested in learning more can attend one of the informational sessions scheduled for Sept. 16 or Sept. 23, 2026. Spaces are limited.

[Register for the September 16th Info Session](#)

[Register for the September 23rd Info Session](#)





Ameer Chambers and his mother, LaTasha (far left), have turned his cardiac arrest experience into a campaign to raise awareness about CPR and using an AED. Athletic trainer Jeff Wiseman's (center right) quick action to perform CPR saved Ameer's life. LaTasha, Ameer's dad Areem, and Ameer at the Hampton Roads Heart Ball in Virginia Beach, Virginia. (Courtesy of LaTasha Chambers)

Saved by CPR After Cardiac Arrest, Teen Football Player Pursues a Comeback

On his first day with the Tabb High School varsity football team, sophomore Ameer Chambers collapsed after running sprints during practice. Athletic trainer Jeff Wiseman quickly recognized the signs of sudden cardiac arrest and launched the chain of survival, performing CPR while others retrieved an AED. First responders delivered two shocks, restoring Ameer's pulse and ultimately saving his life. Despite extensive testing at multiple hospitals, doctors could not determine the cause of his arrhythmia and recommended an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD), while warning that his football career might be over.

After receiving an ICD in late 2025, Ameer began working toward a return to football. Although the device later delivered a lifesaving shock when another dangerous heart rhythm occurred, medication and follow-up testing showed promising results, and his doctor eventually cleared him to play again. While navigating his recovery, Ameer and his mother, LaTasha, turned [their experience](#) into a mission to save others by organizing CPR and AED training in their community. Today, Ameer remains hopeful about returning to the field and serves as a powerful example of how CPR, AED access and quick action can save a life.



Compliance Corner

PAM Update Transition Period and Implementation Deadline

This is a friendly reminder that the transition period for implementation of the updated [Program Administration Manual \(PAM\)](#) (Atlas log-in required) remains in effect through October 17, 2026.

As previously communicated, [the updated PAM](#) includes important revisions and clarifications designed to support operational consistency, program quality, and Training Network guidance.

Highlighted updates include:

- **Quality Assurance Policy:** American Heart Association Training Centers (TCs) are now required to have a written Quality Assurance Policy. Quality assurance is the key to an effective ECC training program. The TC is responsible for the quality of the courses it provides and its compliance with Heart Association policies and guidelines. Please review [Training Center Policies and Procedures](#) in the PAM for more information.
- **Instructor Agreement:** Previously, the American Heart Association recommended that TCs have a written agreement with their aligned Instructors. It is now required that American Heart Association TCs have a

written agreement with their aligned Instructors. While the Heart Association will not be providing a standardized template for the Instructor Agreement, we do encourage TCCs to connect with their peers through the [TCC Café](#) (Atlas log-in required) to discuss best practices for an Instructor Agreement.

TCs that have not yet completed implementation planning should begin those efforts as soon as possible to ensure readiness before the transition deadline. After October 17, 2026, TCs who have not implemented applicable PAM updates may be considered out of compliance with their Training Center Agreement requirements and could be subject to compliance review or follow-up.



Mark Your Calendar



Webinars

Expo Contratista

- **September 11-12**
- Phoenix, AZ
- Registration [Link](#)

ASSP Region VI Professional Development Conference (PDC)

- **September 16-18**
- Myrtle Beach, SC
- Registration [Link](#)

ENA (Emergency Nurses Association)

- **September 28 - October 1**
- Phoenix, AZ
- Registration [Link](#)

Introductory eCard Webinar

- **Thurs., Sep 10**
- 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. CT (US and Canada)
- [Registration Link](#) (Please register in advance)

Take Your Training to the Next Level - AHA Blended & eLearning Webinar (Please use the correct registration link below)

- **Thurs., Sep 24**
- 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. CT (US and Canada)
- [Link](#)

- Heart Association Booth #1127

[EMS World Expo with NAEMT \(National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians\)](#)

- **September 28 - October 2**
- Orlando, FL
- Registration [Link](#)

- Heart Association Booth #1831



Podcasts

2025 CPR Guidelines Podcasts

Take a deeper dive into the new science by checking out these 10 Guidelines podcasts available on our [ECC Digital Digest](#).

NEW! Mechanical CPR Podcast

Gain insights on how the BLS writing group for the 2025 Guidelines for CPR & ECC arrived at the mechanical CPR device recommendations in this podcast episode, now available on the [ECC Digital Digest](#).

NEW! Expanding Stroke Recognition with ESLS®

Check out this Becker's Healthcare [podcast episode](#) discussing how ESLS is helping improve stroke recognition, increasing provider confidence, and supporting faster

- Register in advance for this webinar
- After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar
- *THE WEBINAR WILL BE HELD DURING CENTRAL STANDARD TIME*

Training Central Webinar

- **Thurs., Sep 24**
- 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. CT (US and Canada)
- [Registration Link](#) (Please register in advance)

All Training Center Coordinator Q&A Check-In Session

- **Wed., Oct. 14**
- 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. CT (US and Canada)
- [Registration Link](#) (Please register in advance)

Do you want to be an AHA Volunteer on one of its Committees? Listen to the webinar and see how unique the experience is!

- [Link](#)
- Passcode: *6ecT1!!

response times during critical moments in patient care.

Cardiac Arrest Survivor Network Series Podcast

Discover the courage and resilience of cardiac arrest survivors in the [Survivor Network Series](#). Each episode features powerful personal stories of survival, recovery, and hope. Tune in today and be moved by the voices of survival and strength.

- Here is the link to sign up to be part of a great community of passionate people just like you!

- ECC Subcommittee Application [Link](#)



Resources

[Atlas Information & Resources Page](#)

(Atlas login required for links below)

[Program Administration Manual \(PAM\)](#)

[AHA Instructor Community Discussion Forums](#)

[TCC Café \(a private group in the AHA Instructor Community\)](#)

[ECC Beat Archive](#)



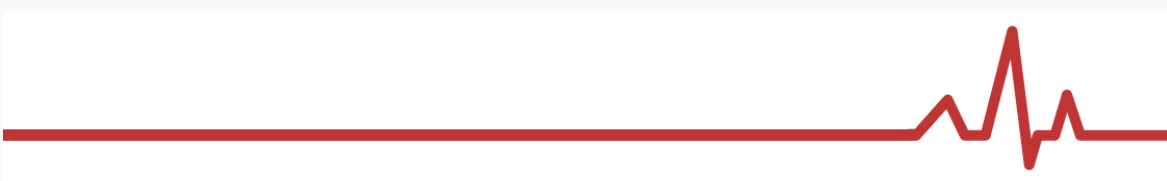
Tips & Tech

Find a Class Enhancements Are Now Live

A reminder to the Training Network that the **Atlas Find a Class enhancements are now live as of September 2, 2026**. These updates make it easier for students to find and select the training option that best meets their needs by streamlining course selection, providing clearer guidance on training formats, and introducing a new Find a Station map view that displays available Self-Guided training stations within a student's search area.

As part of this launch, Self-Guided station classes previously listed in Find a Class

are being removed from Atlas, with all Self-Guided station classes scheduled for September 2 and beyond expected to be removed by mid-September. For a detailed overview of the changes, including before-and-after screenshots, Training Network members are encouraged to review the [Atlas Find a Class Enhancements Reference Guide](#) available in the Instructor Community (log-in required).



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The AHA Training Network is Why

Customer & Training Center Coordinator Support

1-877-AHA-4CPR (1-877-242-4277)

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m., - 5:00 p.m., Central

Email: Atlas.support@heart.org

Links to Additional Resources

[Atlas](#) | [AHA CPR & ECC Website](#) | [AHA eLearning Training Instructor Community](#)



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