

Trauma Education Newsletter

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July 2025

ATLS 11th Edition Launches Next Week

After years of hard work with more than 250 volunteers involved, Advanced Trauma Life Support® (ATLS) 11—including Traditional & Hybrid formats in English—is launching next week. Log in to the [content management system](#) (CMS) starting August 4 to register courses, order manuals, and explore the exciting content updates and enhanced innovative delivery formats. Instructor and Refresher Courses will launch the week of August 18. Spanish and Brazilian-Portuguese courses are expected to be available over the next few months. The ACS Trauma Ed team is grateful to the Region 14 in-country translators who are working through the educational components and extensive amounts of content.

Check Out CMS Upgrades

With the new edition of ATLS, there are significant CMS enhancements:

- With a simple click on the home screen, the CMS platform and fields are available in multiple languages, with more to follow upon request.

- Enhanced reporting with more than 10 new reports, including individual course data, is available for easy access and download.
- Saved documentation of remedial test scores for those learners who are not successful on the first post-test.
- New Medical Student ATLS Cards, with a notation that they are not valid until graduation; New Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses and Auditor ATLS Cards.
- CME opt-out version is offered for all courses (eliminating the need for disclosures, letters of agreement, and required commercial support or financial information).
- Ability to upload documents to person profiles and site pages.
- Revised and simplified Financials Tab on Course Page, which includes definitions of all terms.
- Disclosures will be valid for 2 years from date of submission and show as completed in the CMS and on Faculty Roster.

ATLS 11 Update Courses Are Available

The Faculty, Coordinator, and Educator **Update Courses** are available now. In addition to specific content/presentations highlighting changes from ATLS 10 to 11, the Update Courses feature many of the ATLS 11 education components, including Manual, Online Modules, and Videos, for easy access and review. Approximately 3,000 individuals have taken the Update Courses.

Update Course Enrollees (as of July 20)

Faculty Update Course = 2,245

Coordinator Update Course = 362

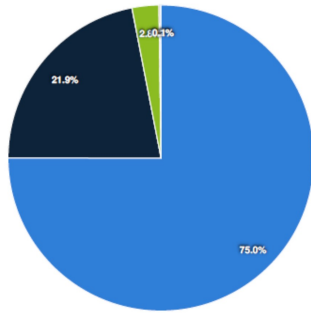
Educator Update Course = 130

Feedback from those who have completed the Update Course

Faculty Update Course Participants

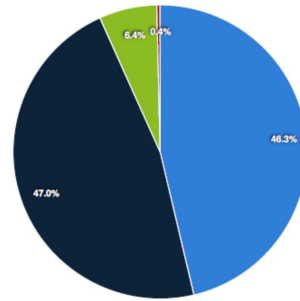
I look forward to teaching/coordinating the ATLS 11th Edition.

The course provided what I need to teach/coordinate the ATLS 11th Edition.



Strongly Agree	1454
Agree	425
Neutral	55
Disagree	3
Strongly Disagree	1

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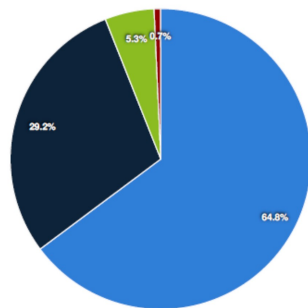


Completely True – I believe I am completely prepared to teach/coordinate ATLS Courses, and do NOT need additional education and training, at this time.	897
Very True – I believe I am prepared to teach/coordinate ATLS Courses, although I can always benefit from additional education and training.	910
Somewhat True – I believe I am somewhat prepared to teach/coordinate ATLS Courses and would benefit from additional education and training.	123
Not True – I believe I am NOT prepared to teach/coordinate ATLS Courses and need additional education and training.	7

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Coordinator Update Course Participants

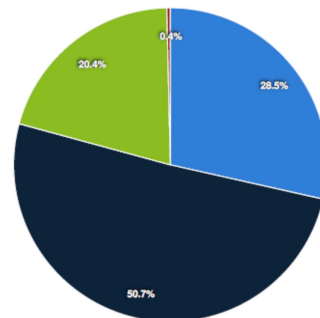
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Strongly Agree	184
Agree	83
Neutral	15
Strongly Disagree	2

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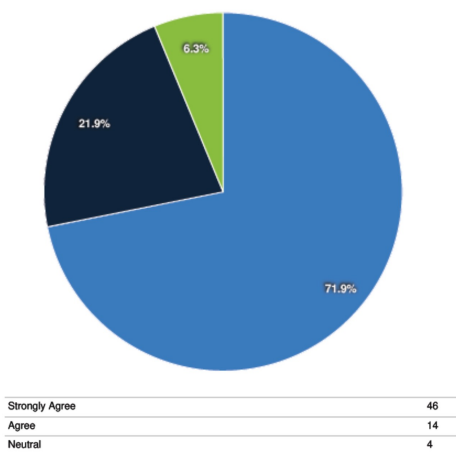
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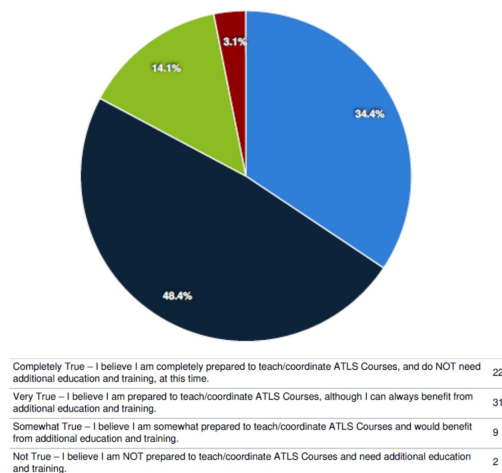
Educator Update Course Participants

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Save the Date for 2026 ATLS Global Symposium

Join trauma care leaders, educators, clinicians, coordinators, and innovators from around the world to celebrate and explore the next era of ATLS at the 2026 ATLS Global Symposium, March 13–15, at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel in Alabama. The meeting, themed “Global Unity, Local Impact: Advancing ATLS & Trauma Education Everywhere,” will be hosted by the ACS Committee on Trauma (COT).

Submit Nomination for Trauma Education Awards

The [Call for Nominations](#) for 2025/2026 ATLS and Trauma Education-related awards is now open.

Awards include:

- Styner Meritorious Service Award
- International Meritorious Service Award
- ATLS Educator of the Year Award
- ATLS Coordinator of the Year Award (US/Canada and International)

To promote a transparent and effective approach to the annual ATLS and Trauma Education-related awards, a more structured selection process recently was developed. Nominations will be reviewed and evaluated by a COT Workgroup, and awards will be announced and presented during the 2026 Global Symposium.

[Submit a Nomination](#)

Codes of Conduct Support Excellence in Trauma Education

The Codes of Conduct aim to promote quality education and establish the best possible teaching and learning environments for everyone involved in Trauma Education. Please review the codes carefully, share them with your learners and colleagues in Trauma Ed courses, and use them to enhance the effectiveness of ATLS and other Trauma Education programs. Our collective commitment is essential.

- [Click here](#) to access Faculty Code of Conduct
 - [Click here](#) to access Learner Code of Conduct
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Quick Audit Protects ATLS Course Quality

The ACS Trauma Education team relies on ATLS Site Coordinators to ensure all faculty members are qualified and eligible to participate in ATLS courses across the globe. Remember to review both the verification status and disclosure form status of all faculty members prior to adding them to a course roster in the CMS. This simple audit will help maintain the highest level of educational effectiveness while adhering to the rules and regulations put forth by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. Contact traumaeducation@facs.org for more information.

Use ATLS 10 Materials ASAP

With the launch of ATLS 11 quickly approaching, sites and Coordinators are urged to use all 10th Edition learning management system passes and manuals as soon as possible. ATLS 10 will be available until July 2026, and there will be no refunds or exchanges for unused ATLS 10 material. Contact traumaeducation@facs.org with any questions.

New ATLS Faculty Extension Form Is Required

The Trauma Education team has announced a new procedure for requesting ATLS Faculty extensions. If an instructor would like an extension, they must now complete the [ATLS Faculty Extension Form](#) and email it to traumaeducation@facs.org for review. It may take up to 5 business days for a determination. This new process is designed to streamline operations for sites and the ACS team. If you have questions, email traumaeducation@facs.org.

Dual Recognition for ATLS Instructors Is Coming with ATLS 11

Did you know that if an individual is a verified ATLS Instructor, then they also are a verified ATLS Provider? The instructor training process requires provider verification, and the subsequent responsibilities of a verified ATLS Instructor (teaching a minimum of four courses in a 4-year period) ensures that the skills learned in the ATLS Course remain honed and intact. This dual status will now be reflected on the cards of all verified ATLS Instructors once ATLS 11 launches. Contact traumaeducation@facs.org with any questions.

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The Trauma Education team is here to support you in offering quality educational programs. [Share ideas](#) for future newsletter topics, and contact traumaeducation@facs.org with questions.



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