

ABOUT NSPA

(NSPA) is a healthcare coalition funded through the Healthcare Preparedness Program (HPP) and comprised of over 25 members including Hospitals, Public Health, EMS, and other agencies that plan, prepare, and respond to disasters and emergency situations in the Near Southwest region of Virginia. NSPA's goal is to Facilitate Regional Cooperation, Planning, and the Implementation of an Integrated Healthcare Preparedness System.

NDLS Training Center

Through the National Disaster Life Support Foundation, the Near Southwest Preparedness Alliance Training Center offers Basic Disaster Life Support Training courses to healthcare workers, first responders, and public health personnel.



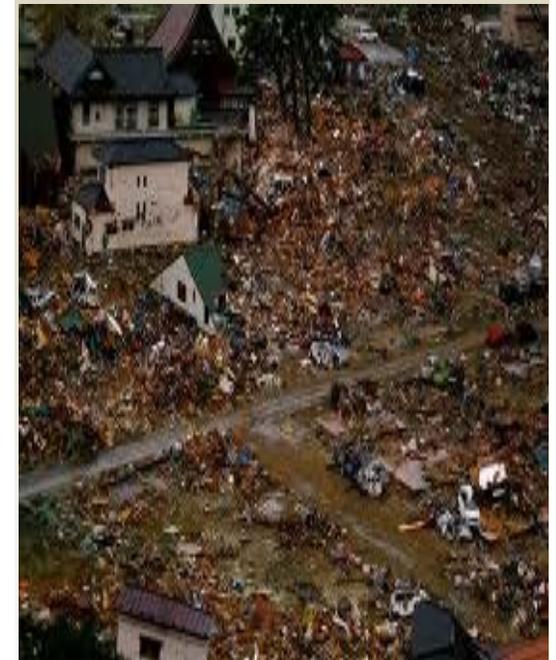
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BASIC DISASTER LIFE SUPPORT



Basic Disaster Life Support Course Registration Information

Register online at register.ndlsf.org for one of the following dates:

Sample Course Dates and Location

Course Costs

Course fees vary but grant funding may be available to cover the costs for individuals within the NSPA region. A limited number of seats are also available to individuals outside the NSPA region at a cost of \$150 which includes the course text.

Course Requirements

To receive a BDLS certificate and CME credit, you must participate in all BDLS course components, complete pre- and post-course assessments and a participant course evaluation.

Target Audience

The BDLS course is aimed at a broad range of audiences including healthcare, public health and allied health professionals; EMS personnel; and other medical first responders and receivers.

Course Description

The Basic Disaster Life Support™ (BDLS®) course is a 7.5 hour competency-based, awareness-level course that introduces concepts and principles to prepare health professionals for the management of injuries and illnesses caused by disasters and public health emergencies. This includes application of core principles and concepts in emergency management and public health as introduced through the PRE-DISASTER Paradigm™ and DISASTER Paradigm™. The primary focus of the BDLS course is incorporation of an “all-hazards” approach to mass casualty management and population-based care across a broad range of disasters. Measures to ensure and enhance health workforce readiness are emphasized throughout the course. This includes a consistent and scalable approach to workforce protection and casualty management, as well as, mass casualty triage and fatality management.

The BDLS course is designed to engage participants through interactive scenarios and group discussion. The overarching aim of the BDLS course is to teach a common lexicon, vocabulary, and knowledge base for the clinical and public health management of all ages and populations affected by disasters and public health emergencies, through a standardized curriculum that is practical and relevant for all health professionals. Knowledge gained in the course can then be reinforced and expanded through application in the Advanced Disaster Life Support™ (ADLS®) course. The BDLS course is aimed at a broad range of audience categories that share a common likelihood of providing clinical care and assistance to casualties during a disaster or public health emergency, including healthcare, public health and allied health professionals; emergency medical services personnel; and other medical first responders and receivers.

Course Objectives

Describe an all-hazard, standardized, scalable casualty management approach for use in disasters and public health emergencies, including life-saving interventions and medical decision making in an altered care environment.

Describe the purpose and importance of the incident management system.

Describe field, facility, community, and regional surge capacities.

Describe considerations and solutions to ensure continuity of and access to health-related information and services.

Describe public health interventions appropriate during a disaster or public health emergency.

Identify the potential casualty population in a disaster or public health emergency.

Describe the deployment readiness components for health professionals in a disaster or public health emergency.

Describe an all-hazards standardized, scalable workforce protection approach for use in disasters and public health emergencies.

Describe actions that facilitate mass casualty field triage utilizing a standardized step-wise approach and uniform triage categories.

Describe the concepts and principles of mass fatality management.

Describe the clinical assessment and management of injuries, illnesses, and mental health conditions in a disaster or public health emergency.

Describe moral, ethical, legal, and regulatory issues relevant to the health-related management during a disaster or public health emergency.