



WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

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Approved Basic Life Support Certification Courses Updated May 2026

During the 2026 Legislative Session, the West Virginia Legislature approved rule changes that became effective for the 2026 CE Reporting Period and included a requirement that **ALL** Licensed Optometrists in West Virginia must maintain Certification in Basic Life Support from the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association or other Board approved certified organizations.

Optometry licensees should select a Healthcare Provider BLS course that includes both CPR (with hands on portion) and AED training.

Current BLS Certification Organizations that are approved by the West Virginia Board of Optometry as of May 2026:

ACLS Training Association
Advance First Aid Training
American Academy of CPR & First Aid, Inc.
American AED/CPR Association
American CPR Care Association
American Emergency Response Training
American Health Care Academy
American Heart Association
American Red Cross
American Safety and Health Institute
ASTI-American Safety Training Institute Desert Education Solutions
Canadian Red Cross
CPR Select
CPR Today, Inc.
Emergency Care and Safety Institute
EMS University
First Aid 4U Training (Ottawa, Canada)
Heart Savers, Inc.
ICPRI.com
HSI.com
National CPR Foundation
National Health & Safety Association
National Health Care Training
National Safety Council
PRO-Training/PRO CPR
PRO MED Certification
Simple CPR/Simple Training

Please contact the Board office with questions. If you do not currently see a course on the list you believe meets the criteria, we will be happy to evaluate it and add to the list when appropriate.