ACLS provider available to all medical professionals

Medical professionals can now receive Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) provider training at Rogue Community College.

The RCC American Heart Association (AHA) Training Center will offer a two-day ACLS provider course from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Table Rock Campus, 7800 Pacific Ave., White City.

“We’ve offered these classes before as part of the Emergency Medical Technology program, so we already have the equipment, instructors, and expertise in place,” said Kenton Gould, RCC Training Center coordinator. “But now they’ll be open to any qualified medical professional.”

Tuition for the ACLS provider class is $290 and includes the student manual. An additional recommended text is $25. Registration closes two weeks before the start of class. For more information and to register, call 541-245-7707, or visit www.roguecc.edu/ContinuingEducation/AlliedHealth/ACLS.

A valid American Heart Association BLS healthcare provider card is required to take the ACLS course. And because the course follows the latest scientific research on emergency cardiovascular care, students should have a solid understanding of ECG interpretation and emergency cardiac pharmacology. There will be an opportunity for medical professionals to renew their BLS healthcare provider certification during the class, Gould said.

Gary Heigel, chair of the RCC Emergency Medical Technology Department, is also the course coordinator. He has 28 years of experience in the emergency medical field and has been teaching ACLS for 15 years.

“RCC is committed to providing affordable and convenient access to advanced training,” Heigel said. “It’s a major part of the AHA Training Center expansion currently under way.”

Additional ACLS classes are planned including a condensed update class, a preparatory class, a physicians-only class, and a class delivered primarily online.

“These will be starting in the coming year or two,” Gould said. “We want to be responsive and build the right types of sessions that are needed by the medical community. As our Allied Health Services Department grows, we’ll keep the feedback loop going and listen to training requests.”

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