

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A REVIEW AND A CHALLENGE COURSE?

A Review course is an abbreviated course that provides individuals the opportunity to review course content within a formal class setting. The format may include viewing video segments, practice and skills performance for evaluation and completing the written exam for the course, if applicable. To be eligible to participate in a review course, the participant must possess a current American Red Cross certificate (or equivalent) for the course being conducted. (There is a 30 day grace period in an expired certification to enter a review course but this does not extend the actual certification date, just the ability to enter the review course). Those without a certificate may not participate in the review course option. Instructors must follow the Review outline for the specialty area they are teaching.

The purpose of a Challenge course is to provide individuals the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge and skill competency outside of a formal class setting. Participants have sole responsibility to prepare for the knowledge and skills evaluations. Anyone is eligible to participate in a challenge. Individuals may only participate in a challenge one time. If they do not pass the challenge, they must take the full course. They are not permitted to attempt the challenge course again nor are they eligible to participate in a review course. Instructors must follow the challenge outline for the specialty course they are teaching. Note that the challenge course option is not available for the Lifeguarding courses.

When an eligibility requirement indicates the requirement to possess a current American Red Cross certificate (or the equivalent), where can the list of equivalents be located?

Currently, the equivalent external certifications can be found in the Instructor Bulletin for the program. The Instructor Bulletins for each program are on the specific program page on Instructor's Corner.