Which CPR Course Should I Take?

***BLS Providers:***

Doctors, Nurses, Laboratory Technicians: Hospitals require medical personal to be CPR certified. Medical personnel like doctors, nurses and laboratory technicians may be required to perform CPR in the course of their duties. **(BLS Provider Care Giver**

Like hospitals, all medical personnel in a doctor's office must know how to perform advanced CPR. Office personnel, while less likely to perform CPR, may be still be required to maintain a basic CPR certification. Most offices will likely have an AED on premise, and employees must know how to use it. (BLS)

Medical and Dental Offices (BLS): Medical personnel must maintain advanced CPR skills, which includes the use of basic equipment and how to do two-man CPR. Non-medical personnel could maintain CPR certification at a basic level. AED instruction may be required as a part of the CPR certification process.

Law Enforcement and Firefighters (BLS) Police, sheriffs, firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMT) and first responders must maintain CPR certification. EMT's and first responders need advanced CPR skills. Basic skills may be sufficient for law enforcement and regular firefighters. (Heartsaver w First Aid) and or (BLS)   
  
Nursing Students, Nurses, Certified Nurse Assistant - CNA's, CNA Students (BLS)

Dentists and dental assistants are required to know and maintain CPR certification. Dental Hygienist: While dental offices may seldom have a need for CPR skills, some dental procedures could cause a patient to experience a cardiac arrest. (BLS)

***Heartsaver CPR/AED or CPR/AED/First Aid (Adult First Aid)***

Personal Trainer - Fitness Trainer (Heartsaver) Human resource personnel, secretaries, maintenance personnel and other non-medical employees would seldom need the skills but may be required to have CPR skills**.**

Dental office staff (non-clinical) may not be required to maintain CPR skills. If they do this course is good for non-clinical Dental or Medical Office Staff.

Flight attendants may need to respond to a medical emergency while in the air. The flight attendant cannot guarantee there will be trained medical professionals on board to respond, so the flight attendants must maintain CPR and first aid skills. AED's are common equipment in airports and on planes, and flight attendants are required to know how to use one. (Heartsaver w First Aid)

*Jail and prison personnel* are often required to maintain CPR certification. In the event of an emergency, medical staff may not be immediately available, and guards or other staff may need to respond until medical support arrives**. (Heartsaver w First Aid)**

Schools, most states require public school teachers and day care workers to maintain CPR certification. If a student or teacher is injured, a teacher can respond to the emergency until medical assistance arrives. (Heartsaver w First Aid)

Pools and Beaches Lifeguards must maintain CPR skills. Drowning victims may require CPR, and a lifeguard with CPR skills can respond appropriately to the emergency. (Heartsaver w First Aid)

The Healthsaver CPR/AED may include just Adult or also include Child/Infant CPR. If you need Child and Infant First Aid, you need the Heartsaver Pediatric AED CPR First Aid class (see below).

***Heartsaver Pediatric AED CPR First Aid (Pediatric First Aid)***

Daycare Providers - Baby Sitting - Babysitters - Nannies (Heartsaver Pediatric AED CPR First Aid)