

Title: Allowance for Virtual Competency Demonstration  
For Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary  
Resuscitation

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1. Section 521 of the Board's rules establish the requirements to qualify for the Medication Administration (MA) registration, one of which is the acquisition and maintenance of a current certification in the American Heart Association's *Basic Cardiac Life Support for Healthcare Provider*, its successor, or board-approved equivalent.
  2. One of the consequences of the physical distancing requirements during the COVID-19 public health emergency has been the disruption of services from providers offering education and training for certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation. In particular, the providers have not been able to offer their usual opportunities for hands-on demonstrations of competency in traditional physical settings.
  3. Some providers have constructed alternative options employing virtual demonstrations of competency, and further, have enhanced the quality of their instructional programs by achieving accreditation through one or more of three accrediting organizations: American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), or the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).
  4. Several stakeholders have requested guidance from the Board as to whether certifications in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation obtained pursuant to virtual competency demonstrations acquired from accredited program providers are compliant with the requirements identified in Section 521 of the Board's rules.
  5. The Board now interprets LAC 46:LIII.521 such that a certification in basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation, at the *Basic Cardiac Life Support for Healthcare Provider* level, its successor, or board-approved equivalent, which employs virtual competency demonstrations within an educational program accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), or the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), complies with the requirements of that rule.