

NSC First Aid Course– 9th Edition Transition FAQ's

1. What are the 9th Edition options for teaching First Aid, CPR & AED?

- **First Aid CPR AED Workplace 9th Edition** – This workplace-focused course follows the most recent guidance from ILCOR & OSHA for response to Workplace emergencies. The course is designed for learners in the construction, manufacturing, public utilities and transportation industries with real workplace scenarios and demonstrations. Instructors who are authorized to teach this course can teach:
 - Workplace First Aid CPR AED
 - Workplace First Aid
 - Workplace CPR AED
- **First Aid CPR AED: Adult Child Infant 9th Edition** – This community-focus course also follows the most recent guidance from ILCOR & OSHA for response to community related emergencies. This course is designed for learners in childcare, secondary education, libraries, recreational facilities and local government agencies with community-based scenarios and demonstrations. This course replaces **our Pediatric First Aid, CPR & AED 8th Edition** course. Instructors who are authorized to teach this course can teach:
 - First Aid CPR AED: Adult Child Infant
 - First Aid CPR AED: Child Infant
 - First Aid: Adult Child Infant
 - CPR AED: Adult Child Infant
 - First Aid: Child Infant
 - CPR AED: Child Infant
 - First Aid: Adult
 - CPR AED: Adult

There are participant workbooks available for each course in English and Spanish and digital certificate credits will be provided with each workbook purchase. Instructors will have several industry standard certificate titles to choose from based on content delivered.

2. Which 9th Edition Course should I transition to?

- If you plan to teach both courses, we recommend taking the Workplace transition course (**First Aid CPR AED Workplace 9th Edition**) in August to be ready for purchase the Community (**First Aid CPR AED: Adult Child Infant 9th Edition**) course instructor resource kit in September. The Instructor Manual and multi-media are designed for the specific audience with applicable scenarios and videos. Instructors who only for the community, we recommend waiting until September to transition with the **First Aid CPR AED: Adult Child Infant Instructor Transition Kit 9th Edition**.

3. Will there be a "statement" available that states the 9th ed meets the 2025 ILCOR Requirements and OSHA requirements?

- The statement will be: *NSC First Aid 9th edition programs are based on the latest scientific evidence, aligned with current international guidelines, and go beyond minimum requirements to support workplace response consistent with OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) guidance.*

4. Is there now a separate book for CPR & AED? Or do we still use the First, CPR & AED Book to teach CPR & AED only?

- There will be a single **First Aid CPR AED Workplace 9th Edition Instructor Resource Kit** and Instructor Manual, and we will continue to provide three Participant workbook options to support our **Workplace First Aid CPR AED** course.

Participant Workbooks are available in English and Spanish and come in either printed or Digital (eBook) format – Available in September 2026:

- First Aid CPR AED Workplace Participant Workbook
 - First Aid Workplace Participant Workbook
 - CPR AED Workplace Participant Workbook
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- There will be a single First Aid CPR AED: Adult Child Infant Instructor Resource Kit 9th Edition and Instructor Manual and two participant workbooks.
- Participant Workbooks are available in English and Spanish and come in either printed or Digital (eBook) format – Available in September 2026:
- **First Aid CPR AED: Adult Child Infant Participant Workbook**
 - **First Aid CPR AED: Child Infant Participant Workbook** (Replaces Pediatric First Aid, CPR & AED 8th Edition Participant Workbook)

5. Will the updated instructor kits have to be re-purchased?

- For current NSC authorized First Aid, CPR & AED Instructors, NSC will provide a Workplace First Aid CPR AED Instructor Transition Kit, 9th Ed. for purchase available August 2026. This kit provides you with the tools you need to begin teaching our Workplace First Aid, CPR & AED 9th Ed. content. It includes:
 - Workplace First Aid, CPR & AED Instructor Transition eLearning Course
 - Workplace First Aid CPR & AED Digital Instructor Manual (Printed manual available for purchase #792059001 for English and #793059001 for Spanish)
 - Workplace First Aid CPR & AED Digital Participant Workbook
 - Workplace First Aid Digital Participant Workbook
 - Workplace CPR & AED Digital Participant Workbook
 - Multimedia materials (videos and slide content) for teaching
 - First Aid, CPR & AED
 - First Aid
 - CPR & AED
 - Digital Certificate Guide
 - First Aid, CPR & AED Skills Performance Checklists

New instructors will need to go through either an In-person Instructor Development Class or an eLearning Instructor Development class which will include the 9th edition Instructor Resource Kit.

6. Will BLS be a separate program?

- Yes, **Basic Life Support** will continue to be a separate program. We will have an eLearning module available for this course, so it can be taught as a blended learning course.
- There will be a Basic Life Support Transition Kit as well for instructors who are currently teaching BLS, 8th Ed. available in September.

7. Will eLearning include the participant workbooks?

- The eLearning courses will provide a First Aid Toolkit section at the end of the course with ancillary content but will not include a participant workbook. The content of the eLearning will mirror the participant workbook content.

8. If books are already purchased and not used by Sept 1, will you take them back?

- NSC will not be buying back any workbooks, you can teach from the 8th edition courses until you run out of workbooks and accompanying digital certificates.

9. What becomes of the 8th edition books remaining in inventory?

- NSC will offer 8th edition materials through December 31, 2026. Any workbooks remaining in our inventory will be recycled at that time.

10. What about the e-Learning codes we already have? Will they be updated to the 9th edition automatically? Or do we have to purchase new eLearning 9th edition?

- NSC will honor the eLearning codes purchased for eLearning. They will now be redeemed for our 9th Edition eLearning courses. This process will be set up in September.

11. Am I understanding correctly that I can still teach the 8th edition until Jan 1, 2027, is that correct?

- Yes, if you have 8th edition workbooks, you can teach courses using them and issue the digital certificates provided with them. Those digital certificates will not expire. We will stop selling those workbooks on January 1, 2027.

12. After I have completed the transition course and the 9th edition books are available, will I still be able to teach the 8th edition course with student manuals I have already purchased?

- You will be able to use up your 8th edition workbooks and certificates. Just make sure you are still using 8th edition multimedia materials as they will match the workbooks.

13. Are the eLearning materials and in person presentations Title II (WCAG 2.1 Level AA) compliant?

- Yes.

14. Will it be a different DCP for the 9th edition? Or will the certificates be shown as 9th edition in the title to distinguish?

- The digital certificate credits that will be provided with each participant or digital participant workbook purchase will be listed under the workbook title.

15. How will we get the certs for the 9th edition?

- They will be provided via the Digital Certificate Platform upon purchase of the participant workbook or a digital participant workbook. This process will not change.

16. Does the transition course include instructor renewal?

- It does not. Please make plans to renew your instructor credential every two years.

17. Can remaining certificates be converted to 2026 credits?

- The certificates cannot be converted since they are different products. You can continue to issue 8th Edition certificates and teach from any remaining 8th edition workbooks.
- Updated 9th Edition workbooks with accompanying digital certificates will need to be purchased.

18. Which courses will be available in Spanish?

- All Instructor-led and eLearning courses will be available in Spanish in November of 2026. The only exclusion is our Advanced First Aid and Basic Life Support course which is only available in English.

19. Are the sudden illness videos updated in the 9th edition?

- All videos are updated in all courses.

20. Are the module topics changing at all for CPR AED or First Aid or mostly updates and scenario changes to more workplace focused situations?

- We have updated the layout of our courses so modules will be approached differently and be in a different order in the 9th edition materials. The core First Aid, CPR and AED topics remain, but they are now organized into five broader modules: Basics of Workplace First Aid; Medical Emergencies; Trauma and Injury Emergencies; Environmental and Toxicological Emergencies; and CPR, AED Use and Special Circumstances. The course also includes updated guidance, new or expanded content, and more workplace-focused scenarios.

21. In the "community" version of the program, will there be an option to teach Adult First Aid CPR AED without the pediatric skills?

- Yes.

22. Is the community course applicable to daycare providers?

- Yes, we see daycare providers as a primary audience for our First Aid CPR AED: Adult Child Infant course.

23. I serve adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities to employees and paid caregivers. Which workbook is best for this population community vs workplace?

- We would recommend the community based, First Aid CPR AED: Adult Child Infant course for this audience.

24. Regarding certificates, will the workplace program and the community program have the same certificate or will they be somehow different? If different, what will the difference be?

- The workplace and standard programs may have different certificate titles. We are currently reviewing certificate-title requirements used by Children and Families agencies and other approving organizations to ensure the standard program certificate clearly reflects the adult, child and infant populations covered and supports applicable approval requirements. A final list of certificate titles will be provided once this review is completed. Expect to see industry standard certificate titling.

25. Is Narcan use and administration included in the 9th Ed courses? If so, can an instructor certification for that be given?

- We include responding to Opioid Life-Threatening Emergencies and naloxone in each of our courses and authorized NSC instructors may teach this skill as part of the applicable course; however, we do not offer a separate instructor authorization for that content.

26. Do you have any recommendations for helping students retain their First Aid and CPR skills after they leave the classroom?

- We recommend that participants regularly review course materials and practice key skills through brief refreshers or workplace drills. In September we will have a free app for both Apple and Android smart phones. It will be a great resource for your course participants as it will contain reference material from our courses.

27. After completing the transition course, do you still need to purchase the 9th Instructor book?

- A digital copy of the Instructor Manual will be provided in each Transition course, if you'd like a copy of the printed Instructor Manual, that can be purchased for \$34.00 for non-members, and \$27.20 for members.