

# NRP 8<sup>th</sup> Edition FAQs



## Curriculum

### Q1: What is the difference between NRP 7th edition and NRP 8th edition provider courses?

A: The 8th Edition introduces several changes to the provider courses:

1. The course has been divided into two provider levels: Essentials and Advanced providers.
  - a) Essentials covers lessons 1 through 4 of the textbook, which includes the critical skill of positive pressure ventilation. Anyone involved in the care of a newborn should take NRP Essentials. The NRP 8th edition Essentials curriculum includes use of the laryngeal mask and orogastric tube. Each facility may determine if the NRP Essentials provider is also responsible for CPAP administration in the delivery room. The NRP Essentials learner may study additional lessons for knowledge enhancement (lessons 5 through 11 and supplemental lessons 12 through 14) but will not be tested on that material.
  - b) Advanced covers lessons 1 through 11 of the textbook. Advanced is appropriate for those who attend births and are responsible for anticipated resuscitation of a newborn with known risk factors, and for those who participate in neonatal resuscitation beyond positive pressure ventilation.
  - c) Your facility may not have a staff large enough to accommodate NRP Essentials and Advanced providers. If most staff participate in births with risk factors and are called to assist with complex resuscitations, only a small number of select staff with limited responsibilities may be suited to NRP Essentials.
2. The course now has two delivery formats: instructor-led and RQI for NRP
  - a) **Instructor-led (traditional)** NRP Provider Courses are familiar to experienced NRP learners as in-person group training sessions where learners may practice and review resuscitation skills, demonstrate knowledge of the NRP algorithm sequence, use correct hands-on techniques, and participate in the simulation and debriefing course component to improve teamwork and

communication. The instructor-led format uses a 2-year cycle of completing an online component and a hands-on instructor led component.

- b) **RQI<sup>®</sup> for NRP<sup>®</sup>** is a self-directed learning program that uses low dose, high frequency quarterly learning and skills sessions to cover the content of NRP Essentials. In hospitals that use RQI for NRP, Advanced providers will maintain their Essentials provider status by completing short (10-15 minutes) quarterly cognitive and skill-based practice sessions at a simulation station located in their hospital and renew their Advanced provider status at an instructor-led course every two years.
3. The 8th edition will be hosted on a new NRP Learning Platform hosted by RQI Partners.

### Q2: What is the difference between instructor-led and RQI for NRP courses?

A: *Instructor-led* is the “traditional” format NRP course. The instructor-led course includes The Online Learning Assessment and NRP Advanced Exam (if applicable), and the in person instructor-led Event.

*RQI for NRP* is a quality improvement program for institutions. The program allows learners to complete NRP Essentials via a self-directed curriculum with quarterly activities to reinforce and master key NRP knowledge and NRP Essentials skills at a simulation station. RQI for NRP is an alternative to instructor-led (traditional) NRP training.

### Q3: What is the difference between the 7th and 8th edition Part 1 course?

A: The Part 1 exam has been replaced by the Online Learning Assessment (OLA) for all Essentials and Advanced learners, and the eSim activities have been removed. Advanced learners will also take an exam covering content in Lessons 5 through 11.

### Q4: What is the difference between the Essentials and Advanced versions of NRP 8th edition?

A: The NRP 8th edition Essentials Provider course covers lessons 1 through 4 of the Textbook of Neonatal

Resuscitation, 8th edition. The Advanced NRP Provider course covers textbook lessons 1 through 11.

**Q5: How do I know whether to take the Essentials or Advanced NRP?**

A: Each organization will determine its own policy for who should attain NRP Essentials or NRP Advanced provider status. Ideally, this policy should be written before NRP 8th edition Provider Courses begin. Anyone who is involved in the care of a newborn should take NRP Essentials. NRP Advanced is appropriate for those who attend births and are responsible for anticipated resuscitation of a newborn with known risk factors, and for those who participate in neonatal resuscitation beyond positive-pressure ventilation.

The AAP will not deter any NRP learner from taking either course option. If a healthcare professional is unsure about which NRP level to take, they should probably take NRP Advanced and should check with

their institution, if applicable.

Anyone wishing to become an NRP Instructor candidate must have a current NRP 7th edition Provider card or a current NRP 8th Edition Advanced provider card.

**Q6: Will the eSim cases be required with the 8th edition NRP?**

A: The eSim cases will no longer be required to complete NRP in the 8th edition courses.

**Q7: Is my hospital required to use the RQI for NRP system to teach NRP? Or can we continue with instructor-led courses as before?"**

A: No, the RQI simulation station is not required for NRP training. There will still be instructor-led (traditional) NRP. For those hospitals using RQI for other courses, like RQI BLS Provider, RQI PALS Provider, etc, there will be the option of RQI for NRP, which is a self-directed quarterly curriculum for NRP Essentials.

## Transition

---

**Q1: Can I continue to use the 7th edition materials after the 8th edition materials are released?**

A: From June through December 31, 2021, both the 7th and 8th editions will be available. Your hospital can decide the most appropriate time to transition to NRP 8th edition during that period. The 7th edition LMS will no longer be available after December 31, 2021, so all 7th edition courses must be completed by then. As of January 1, 2022, all courses must be taught with the 8th edition materials.

**Q2: If I take an NRP 7th edition NRP Provider course now, will I have to take an NRP 8th edition course as soon as it becomes available?**

A: NRP Provider cards are valid for 2 years, regardless of what edition course you complete. If you take a 7th edition course now, your card is still valid for 2 years. If you retake NRP on or after January 1, 2022, you will need to complete an 8th edition course. When the 8th edition is released in June 2021, some institutions may want to update their staff on the changes to the science and NRP 8th edition practice recommendations, but how and when they do so is up to each institution.

**Q3: I'm taking the NRP 7th edition Instructor Candidate Curriculum, which I should have one year to complete. Since the mandatory implementation date of the 8th edition is less than one year away, what**

**will happen to my 7th edition Instructor Candidate Curriculum?**

A: Since the 7th edition LMS will be shut down at the end of 2021, all curricula must be completed by the end of the year. This means if you started the Instructor Candidate curriculum during 2021, it must be completed by December 31, 2021, regardless of when it was started. On January 1, 2022, all unfinished 7th edition course work will be lost and you will need to begin again with the NRP 8th edition Instructor Candidate Curriculum.

**Q4: I would like to become an NRP 8th edition Instructor, but my hospital is not transitioning to NRP 8th edition materials until January 1, 2022. Can I still take the 8th edition Instructor Candidate Curriculum? How would that work?**

A: Anyone purchasing the Instructor Candidate Curriculum individually (their hospital is not paying) can go to the NRP website and purchase the 8th edition on their own and start the online portion of the Instructor Candidate Curriculum. Instructor candidates would have to co-teach the same edition provider courses their hospital is using, but since Instructor Candidates have one year to complete all course requirements, they can wait until after Jan 1, 2022 to teach NRP 8th edition provider courses, if needed. If their hospital is paying for them to take the Instructor Candidate Curriculum, they will have to wait until their hospital

transitions to NRP 8th edition and can assign them the 8th edition curriculum.

**Q5: If I have a NRP 7th edition Provider card, can I apply to become an instructor through the 8th edition?**

A: Since 7th edition eCards will be imported into the 8th edition LMS, those with active 7th edition Provider cards can apply to become an instructor in the 8th edition system and take the 8th edition Instructor Candidate Curriculum.

**Q6: Do we have to separate classes between 7th and 8th editions?**

A: Since there is some new science, revised practice recommendations, and a new LMS for the 8th edition NRP, instructor-led classes will need to use either the 7th edition or 8th edition course curriculum.

If instructors continue to teach NRP 7th edition Provider Courses (Lessons 1-11) and implement NRP 8th edition practice revisions at the same time, they will need to teach a hybrid version of the course. Learners who use the 7th edition textbook and take the 7th edition exam will also need a summary of 8th edition practice revisions ([a table of significant practice changes is available here](#)). If the NRP 8th edition recommendations are already in use in the delivery room, instruc-

tors should use the 8th edition resuscitation practice revisions during skills review and during simulation and debriefing.

**Q7: Will Instructors who recently renewed by completing the 7th edition Instructor Renewal Curriculum need to purchase an 8th edition Instructor Renewal Curriculum as soon as it is released?**

A: Instructors do not need to purchase an 8th edition Instructor Renewal Curriculum when it becomes available. Instructor status is valid for 2 years, and instructors do not need to purchase the 8th edition Instructor Renewal Curriculum until it's time to renew their instructor status.

Current instructors will be granted early access to the NRP 8th edition online Instructor resources this summer for review and learning (not for renewal). This is to help ensure Instructors are prepared to deliver quality 8th edition instructor-led courses. Instructors will still need to purchase the NRP 8th edition Instructor Renewal curriculum to complete the exams and maintain their instructor status/access upon expiration.

## Learning Management System/Learning Platform

**Q1: Will there be a new LMS with the 8th edition?**

A: The AAP has teamed up with RQI Partners to develop the new NRP Learning Platform™ for the 8th edition online courseware.

**Q2: Will the 7th edition courses be available on the new LMS?**

A: The new NRP Learning Platform will be for the 8th edition courses only. The current LMS through HealthStream will still be available to complete 7th edition courses until December 31, 2021. All 7th edition com-

pletion data and eCards will be imported into the new learning platform.

**Q3: What is the difference between the 7th edition and 8th edition LMS?**

A: The 7th edition LMS is hosted by HealthStream. It will continue to be active until December 31, 2021. On January 1, 2022 the 7th edition LMS will cease.

The 8th edition LMS (NRP Learning Platform™) will launch in June 2021 and be hosted by RQI Partners.

## Sales

**Q1: When will the 8th edition textbook be available?**

A: The NRP 8th edition materials will be released in June 2021. The AAP is currently taking pre-orders on the textbook and print materials at [shop.AAP.org](#).

**Q2: Will the wall charts and ancillary products be updated to the 8th edition?**

A: The NRP 8th edition materials, including the updated wall chart and ancillary products, will be released in June 2021. The AAP is currently taking pre-orders on the textbook and other print materials at [shop.AAP.org](#).

**Q3: I'm not affiliated with a hospital. How do I take an Essentials or Advanced provider course? And if my instructor candidate application was accepted, how would I get access to the Instructor Candidate Curriculum?**

A: Individuals can create their own account and purchase the NRP curricula through the NRP Learning Platform™.

For institutions or bulk purchases please contact [NRP@rqipartners.com](mailto:NRP@rqipartners.com)

**Q4: What is the pricing for the NRP 8th edition instructor-led courses?**

A: For 8th Edition NRP pricing, the following introductory pricing will be offered for individual purchases:

- NRP 8th edition Essentials Provider course \$35

through December 31, 2021. The retail price will be \$45.

- NRP 8th edition Advanced Provider course \$35 through December 31, 2021. The retail price will be \$45.
- NRP 8th edition Instructor Renewal and Candidate courses are \$149 through December 31, 2021. Retail pricing for Instructor courses is not yet announced.

**Q5: Who can we contact for more information on the 8th edition products or the NRP Learning Platform?**

A: For questions regarding RQI for NRP or the new Learning Platform and online course purchases, please email [NRP@rqipartners.com](mailto:NRP@rqipartners.com). For general questions regarding NRP, or purchasing print materials, email [nrp@aap.org](mailto:nrp@aap.org).

## Other

---

**Q1: What is the difference between RQI Partners and RQI for NRP?**

A: The new NRP Learning Platform is powered by *the company, RQI Partners, LLC* (a partnership between the American Heart Association and Laerdal Medical).

RQI for NRP is a quality improvement program for institutions and comes from RQI Partners. The program allows learners to complete NRP Essentials via a self-directed curriculum with quarterly cognitive and skills activities to reinforce and master key NRP knowledge and Essentials provider skills at a simulation station. RQI for NRP is an alternative to instructor-led (traditional) NRP training.

**Q2: Is the Textbook of Neonatal Resuscitation, 8th edition part of AHA's Digital Library?**

A: The NRP textbook is not a part of the Digital Library.

The 8th edition materials will be released in **June 2021**. The AAP is currently taking pre-orders on the textbook and print materials at [shop.AAP.org](http://shop.AAP.org).

**Q3: What is the difference between eCards and eCredentials?**

A: An eCard is issued upon completion of an instructor-led NRP Essentials or Advanced provider course. The eCards are valid for two years.

An eCredential is created when a learner does their first quarterly session at the RQI simulation cart. The expiration for the eCredential is dated three months from that first session; the eCredential is then maintained by completing the quarterly knowledge and skills assessments at the simulation station (this is called perpetual learning). Every time an RQI provider completes their quarterly session, the eCredential extends expiration for another 3 months.

**Q4: If an Instructor is in an institution that is using RQI for NRP, do they need to be enrolled in RQI for NRP or does their Instructor card supersede?**

A: Instructors at RQI hospitals will need to attain and maintain their NRP Essentials eCredential.