

What is CALS? Comprehensive Advanced Life Support (CALS) is an educational program designed specifically for rural health providers to meet their advanced life support training needs.

CALS offers three unique courses: the two-day interactive Provider Course, the three hour Trauma Skills Module and the in-depth one-day Benchmark Skills Lab.

CALS training teaches an effective approach to the care of critically ill/injured patients manifesting a wide range of emergencies including trauma, cardiac, strokes, pediatric, OB, neonatal, airway compromise and sepsis.

More than 96% of participants report that taking the CALS course enhanced their skills, confidence and teamwork abilities, leaving them better prepared to treat critically ill or injured patients.

Benefits of CALS

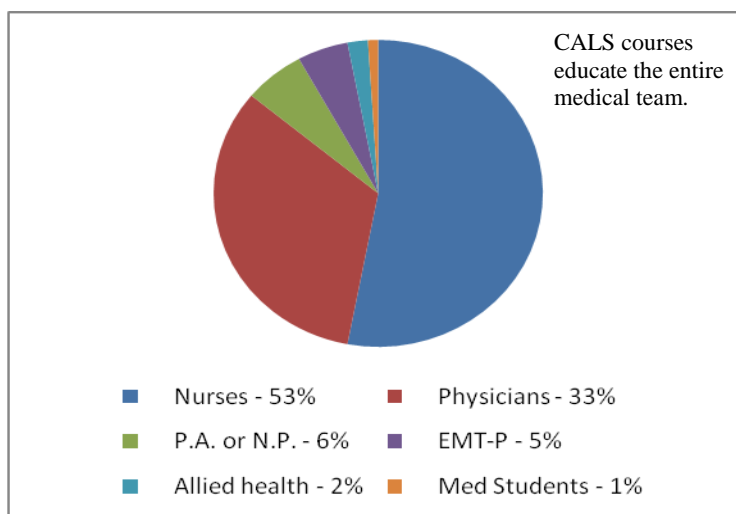
- CALS is designed for **rural healthcare practitioners**.
- CALS is one course that **covers concepts contained in many of the other advanced life support courses**.
- CALS is **adaptable to the specific needs** of rural and metropolitan arenas.
- CALS emphasizes **teamwork** in a team training environment.
- CALS provides a **favorable ratio of students to instructors** for optimal student learning.
- CALS focus is the **Universal Approach** to emergency care of rural patients.
- CALS **identifies equipment** essential for resuscitation.
- CALS includes **all age groups** from birth to geriatrics.
- CALS offers **both classroom and lab components**.

CALS Scope of Service

Since the first CALS course in 1996, over 6,300 health care providers in the U.S. and those serving in U.S. Embassies around the world have received life-saving CALS training.

In the US, CALS courses have been taught in:

- Minnesota
- Wisconsin
- Missouri
- Texas
- Oklahoma
- California
- Michigan
- Iowa
- Nebraska



CALS courses have also been taught in two Canadian provinces.

For more information, or to view class schedules and locations, please visit: www.calsprogram.org

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