



# Trauma Education Newsletter

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**April 2025**

## ATLS 11 Launch Is Coming in July

The launch of the 11th edition of the Advanced Trauma Life Support® (ATLS®) program—scheduled for the end of July—is still on schedule. Pilots are underway across the globe, and feedback will be used to finalize the educational components. ATLS 11 is expected to bring the most significant enhancements yet to the world’s leading trauma education program. Continue to check [facs.org/atls](https://facs.org/atls) for updates.

## ATLS 11 Course Requests Are On Hold

Given the upcoming launch of ATLS 11, Course Request Authorizations (CRAs) for ATLS 11 are not being accepted at this time. Once ATLS 11 is launched and available in the course management systems (CMS), an option will appear on the CRA to indicate whether the course being requested is for ATLS 10 or ATLS 11. In addition, once all the information is set up in the CMS, dates can be identified and planning can begin for ATLS 11 courses post-July 2025. If you have questions, contact [traumaeducation@facs.org](mailto:traumaeducation@facs.org).

## Global Symposium Podcast Episode and Article Highlight Key Takeaways



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Just last month, more than 400 people attended the 2025 ATLS Global Symposium in Chicago, Illinois. It was a huge success, with 2.5 days of programming focused on the launch of ATLS 11 and sessions providing best practices for trauma education from around the world. Read the [April Bulletin article](#) for more details.

Also, in a recent *The House of Surgery* podcast episode, Dany Westerband, MD, FACS, Director of International ATLS, talks with John Sutyak, MD, FACS, Chair of the ATLS Steering Committee, and Joakim Jorgensen, MD, FACS, Region Chief for Region 15, about the Global Symposium and preparations to launch ATLS 11. [Listen to the conversation.](#)



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## Trauma Ed Team Responds to 50+ Questions from Global Symposium

During the Global Symposium, questions were submitted via a QR code, enabling the Trauma Education team to address as many inquiries as possible during the event and follow up with additional information afterward. Over the past month, the team has reviewed and responded to more than 50 questions. We hope these insights prove valuable to those engaged in trauma education. The full list of questions and answers is available [\[here\]](#). We are grateful for the thoughtful contributions and continued commitment to trauma education and care in your community. Reach out to [traumaeducation@facs.org](mailto:traumaeducation@facs.org) with any questions.

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## New Trauma Education Webinar Series Starts in June

A new Trauma Education Webinar Series—intended to promote collaboration and community while better supporting the ATLS Friends and Family—will launch in June. The webinar series, which is free of charge, will include:

1. Rotating sessions: Trauma Ed Course Administration and Faculty Development
2. Consistent offerings: Every 3 months
  - a. First Tuesday of the month: Faculty Development
  - b. Second Tuesday of the month: Trauma Ed Course Administration

3. Convenient times: Each session will be offered two times to help mitigate busy schedules and time differences
  - a. 10:00 am CT
  - b. 4:00 pm CT
4. Participant interaction: Brief presentations, followed by Q&A, small group discussions, and sharing best practices
5. Timely topics: See tentative schedule below

The series is in response to feedback from participants at the Global Symposium.

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## Register for Free Trauma Ed Webinar Series

Join the Trauma Education team for the upcoming webinar series covering important topics in trauma education. Each session offers practical insights and expert perspectives to support your ongoing learning. The webinars are free, but registration is required. Take a look at the schedule below and [register today to secure your spot](#).

- June 3: Faculty Development—**Transitioning to ATLS 11: Lessons Learned from the Pilots and Beyond**
  - June 10: Trauma Ed Course Administration—**Getting to Know the ACS LMS: A Learning Management System Overview**
  - September 2: Faculty Development—**A Special Set of Skills: Brushing Up on Teaching Skills**
  - September 9: Trauma Ed Course Administration—**The Fine Print: What’s New in the ATLS 11 Policies**
  - December 2: Faculty Development—**How to Promote Learner Engagement**
  - December 9: Trauma Ed Course Administration—**Beyond ATLS: Yes, There Are Other Trauma Ed Courses**
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## Learn Best Practices for Customer Service Requests

The ACS Trauma Ed Customer Service team is best able to respond quickly and appropriately when we have as many details as possible. Whether reaching out via email or voicemail, provide the following (depending on the nature of your request):

- Name and ATLS # of any person involved
- Course number(s)
- Course type(s)
- Date(s) of course(s)

- Any relevant screenshot (if a technical issue)

This basic information will enable us to begin working on a response, without having to ask follow-up questions.

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## Becoming an APP Associate Instructor Candidate Is Easy

Becoming an Associate Instructor Candidate is simple. Just follow these steps:

- Identify/designate an advanced practice provider (APP) who has Associate Instructor potential.
- Direct the candidate to submit a completed Attestation Application to [traumaeducation@facs.org](mailto:traumaeducation@facs.org).
- Wait for approval from the Trauma Education office that the APP is cleared to register for the ATLS Instructor Course.

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## Rwanda Successfully Promulgates ATLS, Strengthening National Trauma Care

Rwanda officially launched the ATLS program, a significant advancement in strengthening the nation's trauma care system. The initiative, led by the Rwanda Military Referral and Teaching Hospital, Rwandan Surgical Society, and Ministry of Health—with support from the ACS Committee on Trauma and ACS Region 17—ensures standardized, lifesaving trauma management training for healthcare providers. [Read more>>](#)



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