

Dear Incoming Class,

The Gatton College of Pharmacy requires students to maintain certification in **BLS (Basic Lifesaving Support) for Healthcare Providers**. The deadline to submit a copy of your certification card is **August 1**.

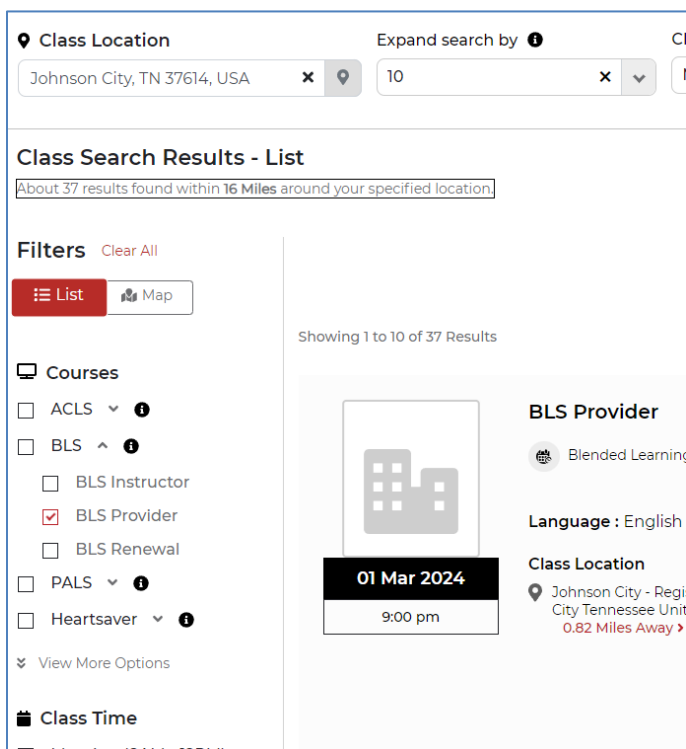
In the Johnson City/Tri-Cities area:

- A blue BLS Provider course at <https://tricitycpr.com/training-calendar/> . Here you can also use promo code **STUDENT** to receive a \$5 discount.
- Select a course here: <https://vitalcpr.net/bls/>
- **Note: If you choose a blended “Online + Classroom” method, you must select the Class Add-on of BLS Online Course when registering. The course must include a live skills assessment with an instructor assessing your skills.*

If none of those options work for you, you may simply do a search on the American Heart Association website:

<https://tinyurl.com/BLS-GCOP>

- Enter your city or zip code, and Find a Class.
- Enter your Date Range, making sure that the end date is prior to August 1.
- Course Name – check BLS Provider or BLS Renewal, as applicable*.
**Only select “BLS renewal” if you are already certified AND the course is prior to the end of your BLS expiration date. Otherwise, select BLS Provider.*
- Course information should appear with the closest location first.



This is the card/certificate you will need to upload to ELMS upon completion:



Warning about online courses (continued next page) :

Recently, several students have asked about a company called the “National CPR Foundation” which offers an online course called “BLS”. Unfortunately, the certification this company provides does not meet the requirement for the Gatton program or for any pharmacy professional. While this and other online companies are all too happy to take your money,

they do not offer any sort of thorough assessment of your life-saving skills. Please stick with the American Heart Association-approved courses as linked above. If you have a question about whether a certification is acceptable, please ask us before paying for it.

Please feel free to contact the Office of Student Affairs with any questions or concerns you may have.

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