



FCCS: Resource Limited Faculty Eligibility and Responsibilities

Licensed courses are administered and presented by a course coordinator, a course director, a course consultant (as needed), and at least two course instructors, all to be approved by the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM). The course coordinator will provide administrative, organizational, and other types of support. There are no eligibility requirements for this role.

This document explains the responsibilities, eligibility requirements, and application process for these roles, each of which is integral to the success of the Fundamental Critical Care Support: Resource Limited (FCCS: RL) course. It is highly recommended that course coordinators, course directors, and anyone interested in bringing a course to their institution read this document.

Two additional documents, *Instructor Course Administration* and *Instructor Curriculum*, are available for course sites to use if the site is incorporating the instructor curriculum into the course agenda.

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Current instructors, directors, and consultants are listed on [SCCM's website](#).



Course Instructors

Being a licensed course instructor provides the instructor with opportunities to educate others in his/her own community and around the world. The course must be taught by at least two FCCS: RL-approved instructors. All other presenters may be clinical experts and associate instructors from a variety of areas and professions. Skill stations may be operated by non-FCCS: RL instructors, but integrity must be ensured by the course director and instructors.

What Are the Responsibilities of a Course Instructor?

- Present lecture and/or skill station materials, as assigned by the course director
- Review assigned materials before the course and come prepared
- Encourage audience participation
- Adjust teaching style to the audience as needed
- Follow course material without inserting personal bias

Who Can Become an FCCS: RL Instructor?

- Critical care physicians, physician consultant specialists (eg, cardiologists, neurologists, emergency medicine), nurses, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, and prehospital medics.
- Providers who meet **one** of the bulleted criteria in the table below to fulfill eligibility requirements.

Eligibility Requirements

Physician
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proof of critical care certification or activity, or board eligibility for certification• Proof of a minimum 50% critical care practice* ratio from the ICU director, department chair, division director, or chief medical officer or hospital administrator
Nurse
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baccalaureate degree with critical care certification• Graduate or higher degree, as well as proof of a minimum 50% critical care practice* ratio from the ICU director, department chair, division director, or chief medical officer or hospital administrator• Baccalaureate degree with proof of clinical practice from a department chair, division director, or chief medical officer or hospital administrator• Graduate or higher degree with proof of clinical practice* from a department chair, division director, or chief medical officer or hospital administrator
Advanced Practice Practitioners
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baccalaureate or higher degree with critical care certification or proof of a minimum 50% critical care practice* ratio from the ICU director, department chair, division director, or chief medical officer or hospital administrator• Baccalaureate or higher degree with proof of clinical practice* from a department chair, division director, or chief medical officer or hospital administrator
Respiratory Therapist
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baccalaureate or higher degree with proof of a minimum 50% critical care practice ratio from the ICU director, department chair, division director, or chief medical officer or hospital administrator

Pharmacist
Baccalaureate or higher degree or specialty in critical care, or proof of a minimum 50% critical care practice ratio from the ICU director, department chair, division director, or chief medical officer or hospital administrator
Special Operations Combat Medic (18D), Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P), and Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B)
Prehospital medic (certification required) with resuscitative medicine experience in a resource-limited area such as wilderness medicine, overseas medicine in a low economic or war-torn country. Recommendation letter of an FCCS: Resource Limited director or consultant required to substantiate applicant's resource-limited care experience.

**Critical care practice* is considered either a didactic or education-based role focused on the critically ill or injured patient. The practice requirement ensures (as much as possible) that the instructor will be comfortable with the majority of the lecture components and skill stations and can answer questions with credibility.

How Does One Apply to Become an FCCS: Resource Limited Instructor?

Current Fundamentals Instructors	Providers Who Meet Eligibility Criteria (Non-Fundamentals Instructors)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successfully complete an FCCS: RL course (with ≥80% posttest score) 2. Submit the online instructor application 3. Teach at least two components of an FCCS: RL course (presentation and/or skill station) within two years of submitting the instructor application 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successfully complete an FCCS: RL course (with ≥80% posttest score) 2. Complete the instructor curriculum 3. Submit the online instructor application and, if needed, letter supporting critical care practice ratio 4. Teach at least two components of an FCCS: RL course within two years of submitting the instructor application

What Is Required to Maintain FCCS: Resource Limited Instructor Status?

Instructor status will expire in two years unless the instructor:

- Maintains certification, special/added qualifications, and/or practice ratio in critical care
- Teaches in at least one FCCS: RL course every two years

Course Directors

The course must be led by an FCCS: RL director. It is the director's role to ensure that the course runs smoothly and is consistent with SCCM's goals, objectives, and vision. The course director may also fulfill the course coordinator role and can be considered one of the two required FCCS: RL instructors.

What Are the Responsibilities of a Course Director?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan, organize, and conduct the course• Apply for course licenses• Select faculty• Organize course logistics• Secure equipment• Establish participant registration processes• Request course resources• Distribute course materials• Provide continuing education/continuing medical education credits (if desired)• Mentor and guide instructors and coordinators
Who Can Become a Director?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current FCCS: RL instructors• Current Fundamentals directors may also serve as directors for FCCS: RL courses once they have:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. successfully completed an FCCS: RL course (with $\geq 80\%$ posttest score)2. Teach at least two components of an FCCS: RL course within two years of submitting their director application
How Does One Apply to Become a Director?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Act as course director with the mentorship of an FCCS: RL consultant (for at least one course)• Submit the online director application and consultant letter of recommendation
What Is Required to Maintain Director Status?	Director status expires in two years unless director: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintains certification, special/added qualifications, and/or practice ratio in critical care• Teaches in or directs at least one FCCS: RL course every two years

Course Consultants

A course consultant is required for first-time sites, coordinators, and directors. Considered an expert in the FCCS: RL program, the consultant is very familiar with all aspects of the course content and administration. The course consultant will provide guidance from course planning through completion—helping with organization, administrative issues during setup, and evaluating the initial course presentation. The consultant may serve as an instructor but may not lead skill stations. The site is responsible for selecting the course consultant.

What Are the Responsibilities of a Consultant?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor and guide first-time course directors and coordinators through weekly, biweekly, or monthly phone conferences • Attend both days of a first-time FCCS: RL course (upon invitation) • Assess the abilities and skills of first-time course directors to determine whether they should be permitted to manage further courses without consultant supervision • Debrief with the course director and coordinator after the first and second day of the course. This will serve to finalize the relationship, evaluate the course, and discuss issues and concerns. • Complete the course site evaluation form.
Who Can Become a Consultant?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current FCCS: RL directors who maintain SCCM membership
How Does One Apply to Become an FCCS: RL Consultant?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit the online consultant application and consultant letter of recommendation • Teach and/or direct in at least two FCCS: RL courses every two years
What Is Required to Maintain Consultant Status?	<p>Consultant status will expire in two years unless the consultant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains eligibility requirements • Teaches in or directs at least one FCCS: RL course every two years • Maintains SCCM membership