

Focused FAST Scan Ultrasound Course

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As the Senior Vice President, I would like to thank you for choosing Advanced Health Education Center's (AHEC) for your Ultrasound training course. The faculty, staff, and fellow students join me in welcoming you. We will make reasonable efforts to ensure that your time with us is enjoyable as well as educational. These courses are designed to help you develop the skills and acquire the information necessary to perform at a high level of competency in sonography. There are various areas in which you will be evaluated during the course to ensure your learning and success.

AHEC has been a leading provider of continuing education for healthcare professionals in imaging sciences since 1988. Our mission is to provide you with evidence-based education and training that will increase your knowledge, enhance your competency, and improve patient care. Since receiving ACCME Accreditation in 1998, we have assisted in the development of ultrasound skills for physicians, sonographers, nurses, midwives and other healthcare professionals.

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Congratulations and good luck pursuing your professional goals!

Best,



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Course Overview

Event Location: Advanced Health Education Center
8502 Tybor Drive
Houston, Texas, 77074

Credit: 8 AMA PRA Category 1™

Time: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Instructor: Shawn Shanmuganathan BS, RDMS, RVT

Course Description:

The “Golden Hour” is one of the pillars of emergency medicine. Capitalize on the speed and accuracy of ultrasound to take advantage of every minute. Based on the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) criteria learn the skills to perform a Focused Assessment by Sonography in Trauma, commonly referred to as the FAST scan. Every practitioner who is responsible for evaluating the trauma patient may make the difference between life and death! Participants in this course will benefit from “hands on scan labs” where you will practice the essential skills and techniques to acquire an ultrasound image for quick and accurate diagnosis.

AHEC has taught for physicians in the US, China, and South America. This one-day course begins with lecture where faculty will review the basics such as: ultrasound physics and instrumentation, anatomy, and procedures and protocols. Following lecture, participants will benefit from our on-site scanning lab with live models for extensive hands-on practice. The course content includes ACEP guidelines to be rapidly deployed without removal from the resuscitation area, providing the time-sensitive skills needed in emergency situations of acute thoracic and abdominal trauma.

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Course Objectives:

At the completion of this course, the learner will be able to:

- Identify the appropriate equipment settings and transducer selection for different ultrasound applications
- Identify and display appropriate normal and abnormal anatomy and orientation in the ultrasound field of view
- Understand variations in scanning protocols for demonstration of pathologies in emergency medicine ultrasound examinations.
- Successfully perform a trauma FAST exam

Course Topics:

This course demonstrates the process to rapidly evaluate the torso for traumatic free fluid or pathologic free air suggesting injury to the peritoneal, pericardial, or pleural cavities. The areas of concentration include:

- The Right Flank
- The Pericardial Area
- The Left Flank
- The Pelvis
- Bilateral Anterior Pleural Cavities
- Paracolic Gutters



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Course Schedule

Lecture 8am-12noon | Lunch 12-1pm | Scan Lab 1pm-3pm

Lecture

- Physics and Instrumentation
- Exam Protocols
- US identification of normal anatomy
- US identification of pathologic processes

Scan Lab

Skills Checklist

Right Upper Quadrant

- Interrogate liver as well as hepatorenal space (Morison pouch)
- View dome of liver and diaphragm
- Visualize the right kidney and perirenal space
- Identify and document any free fluid

Left Upper Quadrant

- Interrogate spleen and perisplenic space
- View spleen and diaphragm
- Visualize the left kidney and perirenal space
- Identify and document any free fluid

Pelvis

Interrogate dependent space of peritoneum (Pouch of Douglas)

- Scan bladder in entirety
- Identify and document any free fluid

Pericardial Space

- Interrogate heart in sagittal and transverse views
- View pericardium in anterior and posterior locations
- Identify and document any free fluid

Pleural Cavities

- Interrogate both pleural spaces
- Identify and document any free fluid

Paracolic Gutters

- Interrogate both pelvis regions in longitudinal and transverse views
- Identify and document any free fluid



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- “The Advanced Health Education Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.”
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