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## **GMHA Renews American Heart Association International Training Center Certification**

(Tamuning, Guam; March 25, 2026) — The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) proudly announces that its International Training Center (ITC) has renewed its certification as an American Heart Association (AHA) International Training Center for a three-year term, effective February 23, 2026.

This renewal is the first time the GMHA Training Center has received a full three-year certification period. The process also included a formal site visit evaluation, the first documented site visit conducted for the training center.

“This achievement reflects the dedication and professionalism of our instructors and clinical staff who work every day to ensure our patients receive safe, high-quality care. Maintaining our American Heart Association International Training Center certification allows GMHA to strengthen the skills and preparedness of our healthcare workforce. We are proud to provide nationally recognized lifesaving training not only to our employees, but also to our healthcare partners and members of the community,” said Dr. Joleen M. Aguon, GMHA Interim Hospital Administrator and CEO.

As part of the renewal process, the GMHA ITC underwent a comprehensive virtual site visit and evaluation and received a score of 100% for both training center operations and the class monitored during the review.

The training center provides certification courses in Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), Basic Life Support (BLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and Heartsaver training. These courses are offered to hospital staff, healthcare partners across the island, and members of the community to ensure readiness during medical emergencies.

“It is through the passion and commitment of all our instructors throughout our island, who generously lend their time and expertise, that we have been able to maintain full compliance and excellence in facilitating our ACLS, BLS, PALS, and Heartsaver classes for our hospital staff, healthcare partners, and our community,” said Cassandra Castro, GMHA Training Center Coordinator.

Maintaining this certification ensures that healthcare providers and community members on Guam continue to have access to nationally recognized, evidence-based lifesaving training.

GMHA extends its appreciation to its training professionals for their continued service to the island community.

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