



**What is CALS?** Comprehensive Advanced Life Support (CALs) is an educational program designed specifically for rural health providers to meet their advanced life support training needs.

CALS offers two unique courses: the two-day interactive Provider Course and the three hour Trauma Skills Module.

CALS training teaches an effective approach to the care of critically ill/injured patients manifesting a wide range of emergencies including trauma, cardiac, neurological, medical, pediatric, OB, neonatal, and airway compromise.

More than 96% of participants report that taking the CALs course enhanced their skills, confidence and teamwork abilities, leaving them better prepared to treat critically ill or injured patients.

## Benefits of CALS

- CALS is designed for **rural healthcare practitioners**.
- CALS is one course that **covers concepts contained in many of the other advanced life support courses**.
- CALS is **adaptable to the specific needs** of rural and metropolitan arenas.
- CALS emphasizes **teamwork** in a team training environment.
- CALS provides a **favorable ratio of students to instructors** for optimal student learning.
- CALS focus is the **Universal Approach** to emergency care of rural patients.
- CALS **identifies equipment** essential for resuscitation.
- CALS includes **all age groups** from birth to geriatrics.
- CALS offers **both classroom and hands-on skills components**.

## CALS Scope of Service

Since the first CALs course in 1996, over 12,000 health care providers in the U.S. and those serving in U.S. Embassies around the world have received life-saving CALs training.

In Minnesota CALs courses have:

- Been attended by staff from 79 Critical Access Hospitals
- Been offered more than 22 times a year
- 500+ participants per year in MN

The following Critical Access Hospitals in MN have met CALs criteria for excellence in Rural EmergencyCare:

- Bigfork Valley Hospital
- CentraCare Health-Long Prairie
- CentraCare Health-Melrose
- Granite Falls Municipal Hospital and Manor
- Essentia Health –Virginia
- Johnson Memorial Health Services –Dawson
- Mayo Clinic Health System-Cannon Falls
- Meeker Memorial Hospital-Litchfield
- Mercy Hospital-Moose Lake
- Riverwood Healthcare Center –Aitkin
- Tri-County Hospital-Wadena

**This funding will allow us to reach additional providers through online and social media technology**

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