

Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program

What is the CSU Stanislaus Public Defibrillation (PAD) Program?

The PAD program provides a rapid response to sudden cardiac arrest (SAC) by making automated external defibrillators (AEDs) available throughout campus. An AED detects cardiac arrhythmia and corrects it by delivering a jolt of electricity when indicated.



What is Sudden Cardiac Arrest?

SAC causes the heart to stop pumping and the brain and other vital organs to be starved of blood and oxygen. When used with CPR, defibrillation can restore the heart's normal rhythm and keep blood flowing to the heart and brain. Without blood flow, brain cells will start to die within about 4-6 minutes. With every passing minute, the odds of the victim's survival decrease by 7-10%.

What is an AED and where are they located?

An automated external defibrillator (AED) analyzes the heart's rhythm and allows a rescuer to deliver an electric shock to a victim of sudden cardiac arrest. This shock, called defibrillation, may help the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm. Defibrillators are available at various campus locations. Building locations are listed on the CSU Stanislaus campus map under emergency services. (www.csustan.edu/emergency)

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Emergency Response Procedures

Did you know that about 25% of all cardiac arrest victims die before they reach a hospital? Fortunately, many of these lives can be saved if the following steps are taken:

1. Call 9-1-1
2. Begin CPR
3. Provide defibrillation within minutes

Who can use an AED?

AEDs are so simple that they can also be used by minimally-trained individuals called lay responders. Lay responders are legally protected by the Good Samaritan Law when they use an AED in good faith to help another individual having a cardiac arrest. PAD Coordinators in areas with AED units have AED/CPR training and ensure that AED units are operational.



How can you obtain CPR/AED training?

Participating in training and certification in the proper use of these devices is easy. CPR/AED training is offered by the American Heart Association: www.heart.org, the American Red Cross: www.redcross.org, and within various departments on campus.

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