

Basic Life Safety Code Mandatory Prerequisite  
Course Descriptions

Prior to attending the Basic Life Safety Code (BLSC) course, it is mandatory that the Life Safety Code (LSC) surveyor-candidate complete the following:

BLSC Mandatory Prerequisites:	Course Description
Orientation to Basic Life Safety Code <i>Web Based Training</i> <a href="#">Surveyor Training Website</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This course introduces surveyors new to surveying the Life Safety Code (LSC) to the basic information to provide a context and framework for understanding the material presented in the Basic Life Safety Code (BLSC).</li> <li>• Course length: four hours</li> </ul>
Principles of Documentation for Life Safety Code <i>Web Based Training</i> <a href="#">Surveyor Training Website</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This course prepares surveyors to document a Life Safety Code (LSC) survey in accordance with the Principles of Documentation (POD).</li> <li>• Course length: one hour</li> </ul>
Basic Life Safety Code: The Survey Process <i>Web Based Training</i> <a href="#">Surveyor Training Website</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Basic Life Safety Code: The Survey Process is a pre-requisite for the Basic Life Safety Code (BLSC) course.</li> <li>• This course provides surveyors an overview of what surveyors do before, during, and after a Life Safety Code (LSC) survey.</li> <li>• Course Length: one hour</li> </ul>

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Life Safety Code Fire Inspector-CFI1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Life Safety Code Fire Inspector (LSC) CFI1 Certification is mandatory for LSC Surveyors beginning October 1, 2012. LSC Surveyor candidates must successfully complete the Certified Fire Inspector1 (CFI1) test prior to attending the Basic Life Safety Code (BLSC) surveyor training course. In order to complete the CFI1, the surveyors must also conduct a practicum as required by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).</li> <li>• Refer to Admin Memo: 10-38-LSC.</li> <li>• The CFI1 is offered through the NFPA. LSC Surveyor candidates must complete the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Complete the two case studies within two months of entering the CFI program.</li> <li>○ Take and pass a written examination within four months of entering the CFI program.</li> <li>○ Submit practicum verification forms to NFPA within six months of passing the examination.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Note the following recommended BLSC course prerequisites:

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Interview Experience	Life Safety Code (LSC) Surveyor candidates are encouraged to have experience conducting interviews (a minimum of one) prior to attending the Basic Life Safety Code (BLSC) surveyor training course; however, this is not a requirement.
Life Safety Code (LSC) State Agency Field Survey Pre-Course Observation	Life Safety Code (LSC) Surveyor candidates are encouraged to accompany an experienced surveyor on at least two to three LSC surveys prior to attending the Basic Life Safety Code (BLSC) course; however, this is not a requirement.

Note the following recommended BLSC course post requisite:

Life Safety Code (LSC) State Agency Field Survey Post-Course Experience
<p>The online or face-to-face Basic Life Safety Code (BLSC) Surveyor Training Course is the major part of the learning process. The post course training experience is the second part of the learning process for new staff to gain proficiency during a State Survey Agency (SA) field experience. The BLSC Competency Based Checklist Training Aid may be utilized during this experience. After successfully completing the BLSC surveyor training course, the SA should arrange for a Federal Oversight and Support Survey (FOSS) survey or provide an experienced preceptor who will mentor and observe the LSC surveyor candidate on LSC field survey observations and experiences. During this observation, measure the student’s performance using the Competency Based Checklist Training Aid. Instructions are provided on the form.</p>