

The National Institute of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) Certification/Recertification course provided by the American Stroke Association is designed to educate nurses about assessment of patients using the National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale. Successful completion of course earns a two-year certification.

**Instructions:**


1. Complete the NIHSS course via:

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|  | <a href="http://www.apexinnovations.com/">http://www.apexinnovations.com/</a> | <a href="#">Apex instructions</a> <sup>1</sup> |
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2. Print off your certificate from Apex Innovations
3. Route a copy of your certificate to the contact listed below:

| Region      | Location Routing        | Email for questions  |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| Bemidji     | LEAD Center at #10035   | <a href="mailto:education-bem@sanfordhealth.org">education-bem@sanfordhealth.org</a>   |
| Bismarck    | Haley Gilstad at #20034 | <a href="mailto:haley.gilstad@sanfordhealth.org">haley.gilstad@sanfordhealth.org</a>   |
| Fargo       | LEAD Center at #1511    | <a href="mailto:leadcenter-fgo@sanfordhealth.org">leadcenter-fgo@sanfordhealth.org</a> |
| Sioux Falls | Jessie Wolf #6095       | <a href="mailto:jessie.wolf@sanfordhealth.org">jessie.wolf@sanfordhealth.org</a>       |
| TRF         | Merleen Knott #4030     | <a href="mailto:merleen.knott@sanfordhealth.org">merleen.knott@sanfordhealth.org</a>   |

4. **IMPORTANT:** Within 48 hours AFTER completing the NIHSS course from step 1, log into Success Center, find course **cm-8962 National Institute of Health Score Scale (NIHSS)** on your active transcript and click *Mark Complete*. Do not mark cm-8962 completed until you have completed the course.



**cm-8962 National Institute of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS)**  
Due: No Due Date Status: In Progress

Mark Complete

After marking cm-8962 completed, your transcript status for the **ca-8982 National Institute of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS)** certification will change to *Pending Completion Approval*. After the contact receives your certificate and approves your certification/recertification, your status for ca-8982 will update to *Certified* and the *Expiration Date* will update to two years from now.

If you have questions, email your region contact listed above.

**Additional Resources:**

- [NIHSS Plain English](#) <sup>2</sup>
- [NIH Stroke Scale for Comatose/Sedated](#) <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://webapps.sanfordhealth.org/learn/files/SanfordLearnCourses/cm-8962-cm-8967/APEXLogin.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://webapps.sanfordhealth.org/learn/files/SanfordLearnCourses/cm-8962-cm-8967/NIHSSPlainEnglish.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://webapps.sanfordhealth.org/learn/files/SanfordLearnCourses/cm-8962-cm-8967/NIHSSComatoseorintubated.pdf>