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High School CPR and Defibrillator Program in British Columbia

- In 2005, BCEHS partnered with the ACT Foundation to help bring life-saving skills to secondary school students throughout the province.
- Established in 1985, the ACT Foundation is a national charity dedicated to ensuring Canadian high school students graduate knowing when and how to administer CPR and a defibrillator.
- Since 2005, BCEHS paramedics have been providing CPR instructor training to high school teachers. The teachers are then able to teach their students this life-saving skill as part of their curriculum.
- Through this partnership in BC:
  - 460,000 youth have been trained in CPR;
  - 239 secondary schools have established the program;
  - 45,000 students are trained by their high school teachers every year;
  - 7,000+ durable mannequins have been donated to schools by ACT and partners;
  - 1,300+ teachers have been trained as CPR instructors for their students.
- In 2012, the ACT Foundation, added the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) enhancement to the BC high school program. To date:
  - 92,000 students have been trained in both CPR and AED;
  - 163 secondary schools have established the CPR program with AED enhancement;
  - 700+ teachers have been trained as CPR and AED instructors for their students.

About the ACT Foundation

The ACT Foundation is the national charitable organization establishing FREE CPR and defibrillator training programs in Canadian high schools. The program is built on ACT's award-winning community-based model of partnerships and support—ACT raises funds to donate program start-up resources (e.g. mannequins, AED training units, teacher training) to schools, and guides schools in program set-up to ensure long-term sustainability. ACT's health partners who are committed to bringing the program to high schools across British Columbia and throughout Canada are AstraZeneca Canada, Pfizer Canada and Sanofi Canada.

For more information on the ACT Foundation, please visit their [website](#).