



# Life Cycle of an ALSO® Instructor

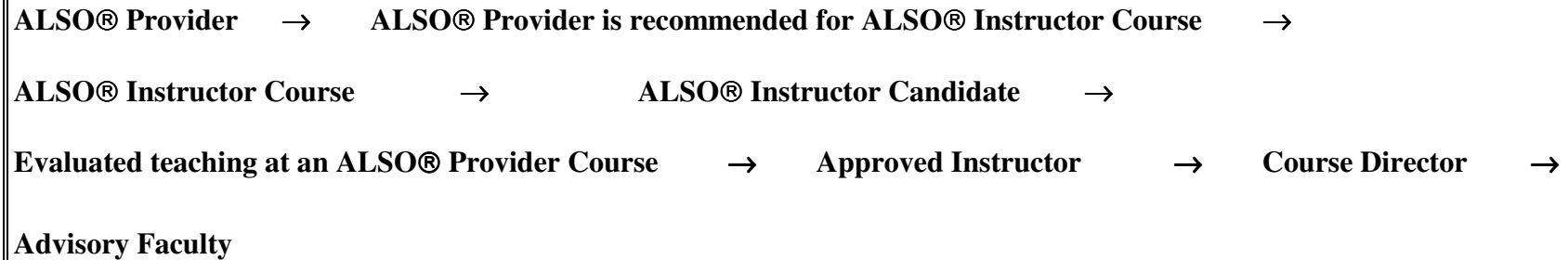
Approved Instructor



Instructor Candidate

Advisory Faculty

ALSO® Provider



Many ALSO® Providers are interested in becoming faculty for ALSO® Provider Courses. The following information will explain the process utilized for attaining the various “Approved” faculty positions:

- **ALSO Provider** - Participation in an ALSO® Provider Course and passing the written examination and megadelivery testing station designates the participant as an “**ALSO® Provider**”. An **ALSO® Provider** is eligible to be **Course Director** for an ALSO® Provider Course. The ALSO® Advisory Board *recommends* that the Course Director should also be an “Approved Instructor” or “Instructor Candidate” although it is not mandatory.
- **Instructor Candidate** - An ALSO® Provider is eligible to attend an ALSO® Instructor Course. Participation in an *ALSO® Instructor Course* designates the provider as an “**ALSO® Instructor Candidate**”. The instructor candidate must teach in a provider course **within one year** of taking the instructor course and be recommended by an ALSO® Advisory Faculty for “Approved Instructor” status.
- **ALSO® Approved Instructor** - An “Instructor Candidate” whose teaching skills have been evaluated and has been recommended to be an ALSO® Approved Instructor. To maintain “Approved Instructor” status, the individual must teach in three courses within five years of the date they took the instructor course. Your provider status is automatically extended to meet the Approved Instructor expiration date, and you will be exempt from taking the provider course as long as you maintain ALSO Approved Instructor status by meeting the teaching requirements.
- **ALSO® Advisory Faculty** - This faculty position requires that the person be considered an “expert” on all aspects of the ALSO® Provider Course. It is mandatory that there be an ALSO® Advisory Faculty present at every provider course to maintain quality, consistency, and ensure that the course adheres to all the requirements set forth by the ALSO® Advisory Board. To be considered for “Advisory Faculty” status, you must submit the required application and be recommended by an ALSO® Advisory Faculty. The ALSO® Advisory Board will make a final determination. The application is available through the ALSO® Department at the American Academy of Family Physicians. Maintaining Approved Instructor status is required for maintaining ALSO Advisory Faculty status.