

**Graduate Medical Education
2025 Incoming Trainees
Life Support Requirements (ACLS, BLS, ATLS, PALS)**

All residents and fellows are required to have current certification in American Heart Association (AHA) Basic Life Support (BLS) and/or Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS); see the specific requirements below.

Certification are considered current if completed on or after July 1, 2024.

Please upload your most recent ACLS/BLS certification regardless of completion date.

*We strongly encourage certification prior to orientation,
as this frees up a significant amount of time for you to complete other tasks*

ACLS Requirements

June 2025 Orientation (PGY-1): ACLS certification is a program specific requirement (please reference the table below.) If your program requires ACLS, certification must be current (completed on or after 7/1/2024) and the card must be uploaded to MedHub in order to be exempt from on-site training during orientation. If you do not have current certification or fail to upload the document in MedHub by 4/28/2025, you will be scheduled for an ACLS practical at orientation. Please notify the GME Office if you plan to recertify prior to orientation.

July 2025 Orientation (PGY-2+): ACLS certification is a program specific requirement (please reference the table below). If your program requires ACLS, certification must be current (completed on or after 7/1/2024) and the card must be uploaded to MedHub in order to be exempt from on-site training after orientation. If you do not have current certification or fail to upload the document in MedHub by 4/28/2025 you will be scheduled for an ACLS practical by your program coordinator.

BLS Requirements

June & July Orientations: BLS is required for all individuals who do not have current ACLS or BLS certification. Certification must be current (completed on or after 7/1/2024) and uploaded to MedHub. If you do not have current certification or fail to upload the document in MedHub by 4/28/25, you will be scheduled for a BLS practical at orientation. Note: Upload of BLS certification is not required if your ACLS certification is current (completed on or after 7/1/2024) and you have uploaded the card. Please notify the GME Office if you plan to recertify prior to orientation. BLS certification is a prerequisite to ACLS training.

NOTE: If you have a current ACLS certification (completed on or after 7/1/2024), you are not required to recertify BLS.

ATLS and PALS Requirements

All Trainees: ATLS and PALS certification requirements are program specific, and compliance is not tracked by GME. Please reference the table below. Incoming residents will typically be certified during program orientation, if not already certified. If you have questions regarding ATLS or PALS certification, please contact your Program Coordinator.

GME Office

Please notify the GME Office if you plan to recertify your ACLS and/or BLS prior to orientation.

Questions –please do not hesitate to reach out to the GME Office.

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		GME Program Requirements			Program Only Requirements	
Program Name	Residency Or Fellowship	ACLS PGY-1	ACLS PGY-2+	BLS	ATLS	PALS
Allergy and Immunology	Residency	No	No	Yes	No	No
Anesthesiology	Residency	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Blood Banking and Transfusion Medicine	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Cardiology, Cardiovascular Disease	Fellowship	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Cardiology, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology	Fellowship	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Cardiology, Interventional	Fellowship	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Clinical Neurophysiology	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Critical Care, Anesthesiology	Fellowship	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Critical Care, Internal Medicine	Fellowship	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cytopathology	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Dermatology	Residency	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Dermatopathology	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Emergency Medicine	Residency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Epilepsy	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Gastroenterology	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Hematology and Medical Oncology	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Hematopathology	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Hospice and Palliative Medicine	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Infectious Disease	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Internal Medicine	Residency	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Nephrology	Fellowship	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Neurological Surgery	Residency	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Neurology	Residency	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Neuroradiology	Fellowship	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Obstetrics & Gynecology	Residency	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Ophthalmology	Residency	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Orthopaedic Surgery	Residency	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery	Residency	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Pain Medicine	Fellowship	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Pathology – Anatomic and Clinical	Residency	No	No	Yes	No	No
Pediatrics	Residency	*PALS Instead	No	Yes	No	Yes
Plastic Surgery – Integrated	Residency	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Preventive Medicine	Residency	*See Home Program	*See Home Program	Yes	*See Home Program	*See Home Program
Psychiatry	Residency	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Psychiatry, Addiction	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Psychiatry, Child and Adolescent	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Psychiatry, Consultation – Liaison Psychiatry	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Psychiatry, Geriatric	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine	Fellowship	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Radiation Oncology	Residency	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Radiology, Interventional Radiology – Integrated	Residency	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Radiology, Radiology - Diagnostic	Residency	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Regional Anesthesiology and Acute Pain Medicine	Fellowship	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Rheumatology	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Sleep Medicine	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Surgery	Residency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Urogynecology & Reconstructive Pelvic	Fellowship	No	No	Yes	No	No
Urology	Residency	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Vascular Surgery	Fellowship	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Vascular Surgery – Integrated	Residency	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No