

**Graduate Medical Education
2026 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, 2025.

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 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 7/1/2025) 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 4/27/2026, you will be scheduled for an ACLS practical at orientation. Please notify the GME Office if you plan to recertify prior to orientation.

July 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 7/1/2025) 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 4/27/2026 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 7/1/2025) and uploaded to MedHub. If you do not have current certification or fail to upload the document in MedHub by 4/27/26, 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 7/1/2025) 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 7/1/2025), 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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| Program Name | Residency Or Fellowship | GME Program Requirements | | | Program Only Requirements | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----|---------------------------|-------------------|
| | | 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 |