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	<b>Subject: Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification</b>	

**Policy**

In order to participate in a graduate medical education training program at Pennsylvania Hospital, all house officers must be certified in Basic Life Support (BLS). In addition, Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) may be required by individual departments in order to participate in a training program.

**Scope**

This applies to all house officers in all postgraduate training programs. House officer refers to all interns, residents and subspecialty residents (fellows) enrolled in a Pennsylvania Hospital postgraduate training program.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to define the requirements for maintaining BLS, ACLS certification for house officers training at Pennsylvania Hospital.


**Procedure**

House officers who participate in clinical care activities are required to be certified in ACLS prior to entering a training program at Pennsylvania Hospital. Also, ACLS certification must be maintained throughout training at Pennsylvania Hospital. More advanced certification may be necessary based on individual department requirements.

House officers entering a training program on either June 18 or July 1 are eligible to participate in Pennsylvania Hospital’s sponsored ACLS training. Those incoming house officers unable to participate in Pennsylvania Hospital’s sponsored ACLS training are responsible to obtain and provide proof of ACLS certification prior to entering a training program at Pennsylvania Hospital.


House officers entering a training program on dates other than June 18 or July 1 must obtain and provide proof of ACLS certification prior to beginning training at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Re-certification in ACLS/BLS is the responsibility of the department and may be scheduled through the Office of Nursing Education.

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House officers rotating to Pennsylvania Hospital from an outside institution are also required to hold current certification in ACLS.

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