

ACLS POLICY FOR RESIDENTS
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

1. All residents/fellows in U of L postgraduate training programs must have Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification prior to beginning training in U of L medical and dental programs. The only exceptions are Forensic Pathology and Clinical Chemistry. Pediatric residents may have PALS instead of ACLS. Documentation and record keeping will be the responsibility of each program. Programs must submit data on ACLS certification annually for all residents/fellows to the Graduate Medical Education Office.
2. A 30-day grace period may be permitted, but must be requested in advance from the Graduate Medical Education Office.
3. Recertification and maintenance of an active certificate in ACLS is required for all residents in anesthesiology, emergency medicine, family practice, radiology, categorical and preliminary medicine, gastroenterology, pulmonary/critical care, and cardiology. Recertification and maintenance of an active certificate in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) is required for all residents in pediatrics, pediatric ambulatory care, pediatric critical care, pediatric emergency medicine, pediatric endocrinology, pediatric gastroenterology, pediatric infectious diseases, and pediatric sleep medicine. Neonatology residents must maintain active certification in Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP). Medicine-Pediatrics residents must remain actively certified in both ACLS and PALS. Other departments may require recertification at their option.
4. When active certification is required as part of the residency training program, the department must provide the training without cost to the resident.
5. BLS is no longer part of ACLS certification training, therefore, all residents will be required to obtain BLS certification prior to ACLS training. It is recommended that both BLS and ACLS be obtained by new residents prior to their arrival in Louisville, if they have not been certified at their schools.

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