

Resident Certification

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Statement

Residents and fellows will maintain active certification(s) required by their respective resident or fellowship programs and the facilities in which they are educated and deliver patient care throughout the residency/fellowship training.

Associated Policy(ies)

PH Human Resources Employment Policy
PH Human Resources Licensure, Registration, Certification
Requirements PGR
Required List of Certification Report (non-policy)

Responsible Positions (Title)

Residents/ Fellows
Program Directors
GME Office

Equipment Needed

None

Procedure Steps, Guidelines, Rules, or Reference

All residents/fellows in Palmetto Health/University of South Carolina School of Medicine GME programs are trained to provide life saving techniques in required, program-specific certification courses. These courses may include Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), etc.

- Incoming residents/fellows must provide documentation of active, required certifications to the program coordinator in his/her program. If adequate documentation is not presented by the resident/fellow, the program coordinator will enroll that resident in the appropriate certification courses during June & July, as offered by the PH/USC SoM Simulation Center.
- If unable to attend these courses, the resident/fellow is responsible for providing ample notice of cancellation in the event of a legitimate conflict. Each resident/fellow is expected to come fully prepared to attend the course.
- Residents/fellows or an administrative representative from their program must submit updated documentation (e.g. wallet card copies) for all program-required certifications to allow the GME office to continue to audit and update expiration dates (uploading an updated document into New Innovations). It is also possible for the wallet cards to be sent directly to the GME office from the PH/USC SoM Simulation Center. There is no late grace period for BLS/ACLS/PALS certifications, so failure to be re-certified by the recommended renewal date may result in removal from clinical duties until the re-certification is completed.

- Periodically, each Residency/Fellowship Program should review, and revise if necessary, the Required Certification Course report found on the home page of New Innovations. Changes should be forwarded to the GME office to ensure that updated information is retained as related to certification retrieval and continuous audit.
- Graduate Medical Education will support a resident/fellow with the expense of initial and continuous renewal of required certification training throughout his/her training.

Reference

None