

## Policy and Procedures ACLS & PALS Certification Courses

UMHS Clinical Simulation Center  
Training of American Heart Association  
Advanced Cardiac Life Support

The Clinical Simulation Center is the primary provider for Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification courses for all clinical staff (MD, PA, NP, RN, RT, LPN, EMT).

The Clinical Simulation Center will publish and maintain an annual schedule of courses for planning ACLS and PALS training. In order to accommodate the large number of clinical staff requiring certification or recertification each year, each clinical staff member will need to **register for a course 6 months in advance of their certificate expiration date** to guarantee placement in a course prior to expiration.

The CSC website will provide the most accurate and up to date information on ACLS/PALS courses, including dates, times, contact and registration information.

Clinical staff must complete the following steps for each certification or recertification course:

1. Register online for a course through the Clinical Simulation Center at [http://www.med.umich.edu/umcsc/education/acls\\_pals\\_courses.html](http://www.med.umich.edu/umcsc/education/acls_pals_courses.html). You may also contact us by phone at 764-6183 or through email [csc-aharegistration@med.umich.edu](mailto:csc-aharegistration@med.umich.edu). (See Addendum for list of programs that are eligible for GME recertification payment).
2. Pick-up ACLS/PALS books from administrative offices in G2402 Towsley at least **one week prior to the course**. A deadline for picking up the books will be provided via routine email messages. **If the books are not picked up by the deadline the registrant will be dropped from the course**. Books may be picked up during regular office hours (M-F, 8AM-4:30PM). Accommodations may be made for after-hours pick-up on a case-by-case basis by contacting [csc-aharegistration@med.umich.edu](mailto:csc-aharegistration@med.umich.edu).
3. ACLS/PALS recertification is a one-day course and requires the registrant to bring or fax a valid ACLS/PALS card so that the Center can make a copy for their records. **If the registrant's card has expired, the full two-day provider course will be required for recertification**. *Based on AHA Course Guidelines, all AHA course cards are valid for two years through the end of the month in which the card was issued*
4. Registrants who fail to attend their course will be held responsible for the cost of the course and their program will be billed.
5. Successful completion of an ACLS course **requires**:
  - A dysrhythmia exam with a **score of 100%** in order to continue the course.
  - A score of 84% on the American Heart Association's written exam and successful completion of the practical (megacode) exam.
6. Successful completion of a PALS course requires:

- A score of 84% on the American Heart Association’s written exam and successful completion of the practical (megacode) exam..

CANCELLATION POLICY: Registrants who have picked up materials and fail to attend the course or drop out of the course for any reason within 5 business days of the course will be held responsible for the full cost of the course and/or their programs will be billed directly.

The Clinical Simulation Center does not provide recertification in Basic Life Support (BLS) training. The Center will, however, test for Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) competency during training. If there is an accreditation requirement for your program/unit for BLS:

- House Officers contact the GME Office directly at 764-3186
- Nursing Staff contact Sharon Disbro at 647-5657

For all questions regarding certification/recertification courses in ACLS/PALS, email [csc-aharegistration@med.umich.edu](mailto:csc-aharegistration@med.umich.edu) or call Patti Williams at 764-6183.

Web address: <http://www.med.umich.edu/umcsc/index.htm>

**Addendum**

**ACLS / PALS / NRP Certification for GME Program Requirements**  
**RESIDENTS & FELLOWS**

	<u>ACLS(*)</u> <u>HO I</u>	<u>ACLS</u> <u>HO IIs and</u> <u>Above</u>	<u>ACLS</u> <u>All HOs</u>	<u>PALS(#)</u>	<u>NRP(+)</u>
<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b><u>ACLS</u></b> <b><u>Required</u></b> <b><u>Upon</u></b> <b><u>Entry or</u></b> <b><u>Start</u></b> <b><u>of Clinical</u></b> <b><u>Work</u></b>	<b>ACLS</b> <b>Required</b> <b>Upon Entry</b> <b>or Prior to</b> <b>October</b> <b>31st</b>	<b>Active ACLS</b> <b>Certification</b> <b>Required</b> <b>Throughout</b> <b>Training</b> <b>in Program</b>	<b>Active PALS</b> <b>Certification</b> <b>Required</b> <b>Throughout</b> <b>Training</b> <b>in Program</b>	<b>Active NRP</b> <b>Certification</b> <b>Required</b>
Anesthesiology - Residency	X	X	X	X	
Anesthesiology - Critical Care		X	X		
Anesthesiology - Pain Management		X	X		
Anesthesiology - Pediatrics		X		X	
Dentistry	X				
Dermatology	X	X			
Emergency Medicine - Residency	X		X	X	<b>2nd yr</b>
Emergency Medicine - Pediatrics		X	X	X	X

Family Medicine - Residency	X		X	X	X
Family Medicine - Sports Medicine		X	X		
Internal Medicine - Residency	X		X		
IM - Allergy		X			
IM - Cardiovascular Disease		X	X		
IM - Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology		X	X		
IM - Interventional Cardiology		X	X		
IM - Endocrinology & Metabolism		X			
IM - Gastroenterology		X	X		
IM - Geriatric Medicine		X			
IM - Hematology Oncology		X	X		
IM - Infectious Diseases		X	X		
Medicine-Pediatrics - Residency	X		X		X
IM - Nephrology		X	X		
IM - Pulmonary Critical Care		X	X		
IM - Rheumatology		X			
Neurology - Residency	X	X	X		
Neurology - Child Neurology		X			
Neurology - Clinical Neurophysiology		X			
Neurology - Sleep Medicine		X			
Neurosurgery	X		X		
Obstetrics and Gynecology - Residency	X		X		X
ObGyn - Female Pelvic Med & Reconst Surg		X			
ObGyn - Gynecologic Oncology		X			
ObGyn - Maternal Fetal Medicine		X	X		
ObGyn - Reproductive Endocrin & Infertility		X			
Ophthalmology		X	X		
Orthopaedic Surgery - Residency	X		X		
Orthopaedic - Sports Medicine		X	X		
Otolaryngology -	X		X		

Residency					
Oto - Otology- Neurotology		X			
Pathology - Residency	X				
Path - Blood Banking/Transfusion Med		X			
Path - Cytopathology		X			
Path - Dermatopathology		X			
Path - Hematopathology		X			
Pediatrics - Residency	X		X	X	X
Peds - Cardiology		X	X	X	
Peds - Critical Care		X		X	
Peds - Endocrinology		X		X	
Peds - Gastroenterology		X		X	
Peds - Hematology Oncology		X	X	X	
Peds - Infectious Diseases		X			
Peds - Medical Genetics		X			
Peds - Neonatal- Perinatal Medicine		X		X	See footnote ^
Peds - Nephrology		X			
Peds - Pulmonology		X		X	
Peds - Rheumatology		X			
Physical Medicine & Rehab - Residency		X	X		
PM&R - Pain Management		X	X		
PM&R - Spinal Cord Injury		X	X		
Psychiatry - Adult Residency	X		X		
Psych - Addiction		X			
Psych - Child & Adolescent		X		X	
Psych - Geriatric		X			
Psych - Forensic		X			
Radiation Oncology	X	X	X		
Radiology - Diagnostic Residency		X	X		
Radiology - Neuroradiology		X	X		
Radiology - Nuclear Medicine		X	X		
Radiology - Pediatric		X		X	
Radiology - Vascular & Interventional		X	X	X	
General Surgery - Residency	X		X		

Surgical Critical Care		X	X		
Oral Maxillofacial Surgery - Residency	X		X		
Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Oncology		X	X		
Surgery - Pediatrics		X	X	X	
Plastic Surgery - Residency	X		X		
Surgery - Thoracic		X	X		
Surgery - Vascular		X	X		
Urology	X		X		

- \* Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- # Pediatric Advanced Life Support
- + Neonatal Resuscitation Program
- ^ Training includes becoming instructors for NRP