PURPOSE:

To provide Meharry Medical College Physician Assistant Program (MMC PA) students with the MMC PA Program’s BLS/ACLS/PALS certification requirements.

POLICY STATEMENT:

All students in the MMC PA Program will be required to maintain current certification in Basic Life Support (BLS) / Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) / Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) prior to the start of the clinical phase of training (Phase V) and must maintain current certification throughout the remainder of his or her training. The costs associated with these certifications will be included in the students' financial aid package and covered by student tuition & fees.

DEFINITIONS:

Basic Life Support – certification training that teaches an individual the ability to recognize several life-threatening emergencies, provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), use an Automated external Defibrillator (AED) and relieve choking in a safe, timely and effective manner.

Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support - training course that builds on the foundation of BLS, emphasizing the importance of continuous, high quality CPR, Recognition and intervention of cardiopulmonary arrest, immediate post-cardiac arrest, acute arrhythmia, stroke, and acute coronary syndromes.

Pediatric Advanced Life Support - certification training of pediatric emergencies to reinforce the important concepts of a systematic approach to pediatric assessment, basic life support, PALS treatment algorithms, effective resuscitation and team dynamics.

PROCEDURE:

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