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Policy Title: Basic Life Support

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### **Purpose**

Basic Life Support (BLS) is a very important skill that all people, especially nurses, should acquire and maintain. In order to ensure that Cizik School of Nursing students maintain basic life support abilities, proof of current status is required.

### **Policy**

All students will maintain current “Healthcare Provider” status consistent with the requirements of the American Heart Association. The course must include instruction in adult, child, infant, and two-man CPR. Online training courses are accepted; such training must include a hands-on skills check-off component. Valid “healthcare provider” training is a prerequisite for enrollment in the Cizik School of Nursing.

### **Procedure**

- A. The American Heart Association and other community agencies offer Healthcare Provider courses on an ongoing basis for a minimal fee.
- B. It is the responsibility of each individual student to maintain a current BLS card and to provide documentation of current health care provider status to the Student Affairs Office.
- C. Students in the MSN Nurse Anesthesia program and the Emergency concentration are required to maintain current ACLS and PALS training.
- D. Students in the Acute Care/Critical Care program are required to maintain current ACLS training.
- E. The CPR training database is maintained in the Student Affairs Office. Students who require training will be notified via email. Failure to maintain current BLS training status will result in a hold being placed on the student’s record.