SON OP 40.405: Required Certifications for Graduate Students Entering Clinical Experiences

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Required Certifications for Graduate Students Entering Clinical Experiences policy is to establish certification requirements for graduate students in the nurse practitioner and nurse midwifery tracks. Nurse practitioners (NP) and midwives work in health care settings in which specific certifications are required.

REVIEW: All policies in the Graduate Program Manual shall be reviewed by the Graduate Program Associate Dean/Department Chairs by December 1 of even numbered years in collaboration with the Graduate Program Council. Final approval of the Graduate Program Manual is by the Dean.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1.0 Policy
All students in the nurse practitioner and nurse midwifery tracks are required to hold Basic Life Support (BLS) certification for all clinical courses. Students in the following advanced practice tracks are required to hold certification(s) in the following areas:

1. Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) – Family NP, Adult/Gero Acute Care NP
2. Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) – Pediatric Acute NP and Pediatric Primary Care NP
3. Neonatal Resuscitation Protocol (NRP) & Electronic Fetal Monitoring (EFM) – Midwifery
4. BLS only: Psychiatric Mental Health NP

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