

Dear Pritzker Entering Class of 2019,

On behalf of the members of the Pritzker Basic Life Support (BLS) Program, we would like to congratulate you on your acceptance to the University of Chicago! We are excited that you have chosen to attend Pritzker. At the University of Chicago, we place great importance on teamwork and patient safety. The Pritzker BLS Program is committed to teaching medical students and all hospital staff the basic resuscitation skills that will be necessary to serve as a team member during an emergency. These skills will prove invaluable as you spend more time in the hospital and as a citizen in your everyday lives.

As a medical student, you are required to have BLS certification. **You will be trained and certified in basic life support skills during Orientation on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.** This is a required training experience, regardless of any current level of certification or prior experience. All materials necessary for this training experience will be provided for you.

Upon demonstrating an adequate level of proficiency in BLS at the end of the training experience, you will receive an American Heart Association Basic Life Support certification card, which will be valid for two years. After two years, prior to beginning your clinical rotations, you will recertify with Pritzker BLS.

The BLS Program represents a wonderful example of student initiative here at Pritzker. The students, with the support of the Pritzker School of Medicine faculty and administration, maintain the equipment and staff necessary to teach several certification classes each month for all members of the hospital staff. As a student at Pritzker, you will have the opportunity to become involved with this endeavor by becoming a certified BLS instructor. Should you wish to do so, check your email inboxes in the first few weeks of the quarter for the application and more information on our hiring process. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions in the meantime. Again, we are very excited that you have chosen Pritzker and look forward to meeting you.

Best,

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