

Summer 2025

Trauma: Acute and Critical Care Surgery Internship

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About this program

The Trauma, Acute and Critical Care Surgery Internship is a week-long course designed to provide students with a more in-depth study of surgical specialties in addition to clinical practice. Students will gain knowledge, skills, and certifications (including accredited American Heart Association training) that are routinely taught at the medical school and residency levels as mandatory requirements; these skills will be of use as you continue through your medical careers. This course is for students who are interested in medicine and interested in acquiring skills that can be used in any situation. Accidents happen and trauma situations are not planned. You can be in your car, you can be at a concert or a restaurant and find yourself in a situation where medical care needs to be given. The American College of Surgeons believe that lives can be saved if bleeding is recognized and can be stopped until help arrives. This course will describe basic physiology of a bleeding patient and outline the steps to take and provide a practical experience in order to be prepared for the unexpected. At the end of the course, the student will receive their certification for BLS, ACLS and BCON (pending passing of tests). The course will be taught directly by AAMS surgeons, including Dr. Lydia Lam, an Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery and Emergency Medicine at Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center in the Division of Trauma, Acute Care Surgery, and Surgical Critical Care which is the busiest trauma center on the west coast. There are no pre-requisites to attend this program.

Skills

Recognize the person who needs help

Define shock

Be able to triage a trauma patient

Recognize hemorrhagic shock

Be able to properly position patient in trauma

Be able to protect the airway

Be able to manage an airway

Be able to stop bleeding until emergency personnel arrival

Residential Information

Lodging, all meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), will be provided for students at an additional cost which will be announced at a later date.

Minors traveling alone will be supervised 24/7 by our resident advisors.

Program Dates

Jul 20, 2025 - Jul 26, 2025

PROGRAM DETAILS: Check in on Sunday, July 20. Program begins on Monday, July 21 and runs through Friday, July 25. Check out is on Saturday, July 26.

Application

Admissions Processed on a Rolling Basis.