training in plastic surgery should correspond directly with the program directors of those training programs in which they are interested.

Most plastic surgery residencies participate in either the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), www.nrmp.org or the Plastic Surgery Residency and Fellowship Matching Services. For information, contact the San Francisco (Plastic Surgery) Match Program, 655 Beach St., San Francisco, California 94109; www.sfmatch.org.

RESIDENTS WHO COMPLETE PLASTIC SURGERY TRAINING IN CANADA

The ABPS Resident Registration and Evaluation of Training Form must be completed and it is the responsibility of residents in plastic surgery to ensure this training is approved by the Board.

This requirement pertains to all those applying for admission to The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. examination process.

To meet the requirements for admissibility to the Examination and Certification process of the American Board of Plastic Surgery, the following provisos and documentation must be completed:

1. The plastic surgery resident must be a graduate of a medical school in the United States or Canada approved by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME) or by the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS). Medical degrees obtained through an international medical school will be accepted if the resident matches into a Canadian Plastic Surgery Residency through CaRMS.
2. The plastic surgeon must have entered plastic surgery residency through the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS). Full training must be completed in the same institution.
3. The residency program must be accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).
4. The plastic surgeon must hold a current, valid, full and unrestricted state, province or international medical license.
5. The plastic surgeon must have successfully obtained certification in plastic surgery by the RCPSC.

Canadian residents who have completed Canadian training in general surgery, neurological surgery, orthopaedic surgery, otolaryngology, thoracic surgery or urology as an alternate prerequisite pathway into an Independent plastic surgery program or into the last 3 years of an Integrated program in the United States must be sufficient to qualify for certification by the respective ABMS surgical board before beginning plastic surgery training.

The policy above will apply to those residents obtaining
certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) in 2007 or later.

Candidates certified by the RCPSC prior to 2007 must be reviewed by the Board’s Credentials and Requirements Committee. Additionally, they must complete the Professional Standing Requirements of the Board’s Maintenance of Certification in Plastic Surgery (MOC-PS*) Program prior to being approved.

The Professional Standing requirements must be supported with documentation and must include:

1. Current, valid, full and unrestricted state, province or international medical license;
2. Verification of active, hospital inpatient admitting privileges in plastic surgery;
3. 3 Peer Review Evaluations (at least one must be from a Chief of Surgery or Chief of Staff or Chief of Plastic Surgery);
4. Accreditation Certificates for Outpatient Surgical Facilities, if applicable; and
5. Residency Graduation confirmation of plastic surgery training and recommendation to the Board’s examination process by the plastic surgery program director.

Non-Approved Residencies

Residencies completed in locations other than the United States or Canada are not acceptable in lieu of those specified above. This in no way implies that quality training cannot be acquired elsewhere, but the Board has no method of evaluating the quality of such programs and must be consistent in its requirements.

The Board grants no credit for training, residency and/or experience in disciplines other than those named above.

American Osteopathic (AOA) Training Programs seeking ACGME Accreditation for the Single Accreditation System

Residents in Osteopathic Training programs which have received ACGME Accreditation may meet ABPS training requirements. Refer to the ACGME website for additional details regarding specific AOA training programs.

The Board allows graduates who hold an osteopathic degree granted in the United States or Canada by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) to apply for positions in ACGME accredited Integrated plastic surgery training programs. Upon successful completion of the complete Integrated program the individual would be eligible to apply for the ABPS certification process.

Transfers into ACGME accredited Integrated residency training programs are allowed as listed in the Transfer into Integrated Programs section.