1. Copy of RRC-PS Application/Letter sent to the RRC-PS
2. Copy of RRC-PS Approval Letter
3. Letter of request addressed to the Board’s Executive Director requesting approval. Letter must include the resident’s name, PSY level, dates of rotation, duration, location, and faculty member accompanying the resident, if applicable

The Board has worked with the RRC-PS to establish criteria for international rotations that insure the educational component of the rotation and the safety of the resident. Interested residents are referred to the Plastic Surgery section of the ACGME website (http://www.acgme.org) for details.

The Board will allow 4 weeks of international training during a craniofacial or hand surgery fellowship.

**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 by the plastic surgery resident:

1. 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 only if the resident matches directly into a Canadian Plastic Surgery Residency through CaRMS.
2. Must have entered a surgical residency through the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS). Surgical residency includes: General Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Neurological Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Otalaryngology, Thoracic and Cardiac Surgery, or Urology.
3. The residency program must be accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).
4. Must hold a current, valid, full and unrestricted state, province or international medical license.
5. Must have successfully obtained certification in plastic surgery by the RCPSC.
Canadian residents who have completed Canadian training in general surgery, neurological surgery, orthopedic surgery, otolaryngology, thoracic and cardiac 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 have training sufficient to qualify for certification by the respective ABMS surgical board before beginning plastic surgery training.

**Canadian residents who obtain certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada prior to 2007**

Canadian residents 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 Continuous Certification in Plastic Surgery (CC-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. ABPS Peer Review Evaluations (at least one must be from a Chief of Surgery, Chief of Staff or Chief of Plastic Surgery at one of the hospitals where privileges are held. Two additional forms from any of the following categories: ABPS certified plastic surgeon, anesthesiologist, nursing supervisor, or Chiefs of Staff, Surgery, Plastic Surgery);
4. Accreditation Certificates for Outpatient Surgical Facilities, if applicable; and
5. Confirmation of completion of plastic surgery residency training and recommendation to the Board’s examination process by the plastic surgery program director.

**NON-APPROVED RESIDENCIES**

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

Residencies completed in locations other than the United States or Canada are not acceptable in lieu of those specified under the acceptable pathways. 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.