

The training includes the Required Clinical and Strongly Suggested Clinical Experiences listed above. The exact rotations are determined by the Plastic Surgery Program Director and must occur at programs accredited by the RRC-PS. No less than 3 years of the Integrated program must be concentrated in plastic surgery, and the final 12 months must entail senior clinical plastic surgery responsibility. **The last 3 years of Integrated training must be completed in the same program.** The content of training in these 3 plastic surgery years is documented under Requisite Training.

**All training programs must be approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) during all years of training completed.**

#### **Competency Based Integrated Plastic Surgery Programs**

As of July 1, 2018, the Board accepts plastic surgery residents who complete less than 6 years of training in an Integrated Plastic Surgery Competency Based Residency Program approved by the Residency Review Committee for Plastic Surgery (RRC-PS).

Programs are required to identify these residents to the Board Office upon acceptance into the program. Residents are required to complete no less than 5 years of plastic surgery residency training.

Should a Competency Based Program receive a “warning” from the RRC-PS, all residents in that pathway are required to move from the Competency Based Program into the standard Integrated program and complete the entire six years. Once the “warning” has been removed and the program status is considered “Continued Full Accreditation”, then only new residents can enter the Competency Based Program and complete 5 years of training. Those residents who had to move into the standard Integrated program must remain there and complete the 6 years. Residents in a Competency Based Program who desire to transfer into another plastic surgery program must transfer into a full 6-year Integrated Program.

## **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, Otolaryngology, Plastic Surgery, 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 a transfer 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. Training is not required to be completed in the same program.

#### **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.