RESIDENTS WHO COMPLETE PLASTIC SURGERY TRAINING IN CANADA

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

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

Graduates of Canadian Plastic Surgery Residency Programs may satisfy the requirements of The American Board of Plastic Surgery for admissibility to the Written and Oral Examinations. To meet the requirements for Examination and Certification by the Board, the following provisos and documentation must be completed:

1) The plastic surgeon must be a graduate of a medical school in the United States or Canada approved by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME).
2) The plastic surgeon must have entered plastic surgery residency through the Canadian Residency Match Program (CaRMS); or the CaRMS-Equivalent Program at the University of Montreal prior to 2005; or must have transferred into PGY-I, II or III in a Canadian program after completing five years of an ACGME approved residency in general surgery in the United States.
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.

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 may be reviewed by the Board’s Credentials and Requirements Committee, but must complete the Professional Standing Requirements of the 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 or province or international medical license;
2) Verification of active, hospital inpatient admitting privileges in plastic surgery;
3) Three Peer Review Evaluations (at least one must be from a Chief of Surgery or Chief of Staff or Chief of Plastic Surgery);
4) Membership in one of the 20 Sponsoring Organizations of the Board; and
5) Accreditation Certificates for Outpatient Surgical Facilities, if applicable.
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.

American Osteopathic 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. There has not been a determination regarding those in pre-accredited AOA programs or programs which are in the process of applying. Refer to the ACGME website for additional details regarding specific AOA training programs. ACGME advises residents of the following:

1. Programs that are AOA-approved and have matriculated residents as of July 1, 2015, and that apply for ACGME accreditation between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2020, are eligible for “pre-accreditation status,” may have AOA-certified faculty members, and must have co-program directors (one American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)-certified and one AOA-certified).

2. Programs that are AOA-approved as of July 1, 2015 with no matriculated residents as of that date, and that apply for ACGME accreditation between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2020, are eligible for “pre-accreditation status.”

3. AOA-approved programs that do not meet the criteria in 1. or 2. above may apply at any time for ACGME accreditation, but will not benefit from the terms of the agreement.