

each of the following: The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc., the American College of Surgeons, and the American Medical Association.

The Directors of the Board cannot be responsible for the placement of residents for training. The Board does *not* maintain a list of available openings in programs. Residents seeking accredited 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; (415) 447-0350; 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).
2. The plastic surgeon must have entered plastic surgery residency through the **Canadian Residency Match Program (CaRMS)**; or must have transferred into a PSY-I position in a Canadian Independent 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 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 (~~ABPS~~ **ABOC-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. 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 or regional or local societies;
5. Accreditation Certificates for Outpatient Surgical Facilities, if applicable; and
6. 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. 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," through the ACGME. See www.acgme.org for details about how to apply for pre-accreditation status.
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."

Current ABPS policies allow graduates who hold an osteopathic degree granted in the United States or Canada by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) to apply for posi-

tions 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 above in **Transfer into Integrated Programs**.

Residents with osteopathic degrees may apply to Independent Plastic Surgery training programs if they have successfully completed a surgical residency in General Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Neurological Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, Urology or Thoracic Surgery sufficient to qualify for certification by the corresponding ABMS surgical board.

WRITTEN EXAMINATION OCTOBER 16, 2017

APPLICATION DEADLINE

THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION APPLICATION PROCESS

The online Application will be available on the Board's website in early February. Email notifications will be sent.

Identification of Senior Residents in order to receive access to the Written Examination Application is **verified to the Board by the Plastic Surgery Programs in October.**

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE OCTOBER 2017 WRITTEN EXAMINATION

- √ The deadline date for finalization of all Applications is **April 3, 2017.**
- √ A late penalty fee will automatically be applied when finalized between **April 4th up to and including April 8th.**
- √ Access to the Application will not be available after April 8th for admission to the October Written Examination.
- √ **Finalized Applications that are incomplete or incorrect will be subject to a Missing Items Penalty Fee.**

WRITTEN EXAM INTRODUCTION

One of the primary purposes of the Board is to evaluate the education, training, and knowledge of broadly competent and responsible plastic surgeons.