# ACGME Specialties Requiring a Preliminary Year

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Transitional Year Review Committee

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| Anesthesiology  | IV.A.6.                 | • 12 months of education must provide education in fundamental clinical skills of medicine relevant to anesthesiology  
  o Does not need to be in first year, but must be completed before starting final year  
  o Must include six months of fundamental clinical skills education caring for inpatients in family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, surgery or any surgical specialties, or any combination  
  • During the first year, there must be at least one month (not more than two) of critical care medicine  
  • During the first year, there must be at least one month (not more than two) of emergency medicine |
| Dermatology     | III.A.1.a).(1)          | • Prior to appointment, residents must have successfully completed a broad-based clinical year (PGY-1) in an emergency medicine, family medicine, general surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, or pediatrics, or a transitional year program, accredited by the ACGME, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the College of Family Physicians Canada (CFPC) |
| Diagnostic Radiology | III.A.1.a).(1) | • Prior to appointment, residents must have successfully completed a clinical year consisting of training in a program accredited by the ACGME, RCPSC, or CFPC in emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, surgery or surgical specialties, or any combination  
  o This may also comprise an ACGME- or RCPSC-accredited transitional year program  
  • A maximum of two months of elective rotations in diagnostic radiology (must be in an ACGME- or RCPSC-accredited program) is allowed |
| Nuclear Medicine | III.A.1.a).(1)          | • Residents must have successfully completed at least one year of graduate medical education in a program accredited by the ACGME or RCPSC  
  o A minimum of nine months of direct patient care is required |
| Ophthalmology   | III.A.1.a).(1)          | • Prior to appointment, residents must have successfully completed a post-graduate clinical year (PGY-1) in an ACGME-, RCPSC-, or CFPC-accredited program  
  o The PGY-1 must be in emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or surgery, or in a transitional year program |
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| **Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine** | III.A.1.a).(1)                 | • To be eligible for entry into the program at the ONMM1 level, residents must have completed:  
  o an ACGME-accredited transitional year program with ACGME Osteopathic Recognition, in an osteopathic-focused position; or,  
  o the first year of an ACGME-accredited family medicine residency with ACGME Osteopathic Recognition, in an osteopathic-focused position; or  
  o the first year of another ACGME-accredited program with ACGME Osteopathic Recognition, in an osteopathic-focused position, including one month each in emergency medicine, general surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology or ambulatory gynecology, and family medicine, and two months of general internal medicine  
  • See specific osteopathic neuromusculoskeletal medicine requirements for those residents with training outside of osteopathic-focused positions |
| **Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation** | III.A.1.a).(1); IV.A.6.a).(4) | • Residents must have successfully completed 12 months of education in fundamental clinical skills in an ACGME-, RCPSC-, or CFPC-accredited program  
  • The first 12 months must be completed in an ACGME- or RCPSC-accredited transitional year program OR must include:  
    o a minimum of six months in emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, surgery, or any combination  
      ▪ remaining rotations may be in any accredited specialty or subspecialty (each must be a minimum of four weeks)  
    o no more than eight weeks in indirect patient care experiences (e.g., pathology, radiology, research)  
    o no more than four weeks in physical medicine and rehabilitation |
| **Preventive Medicine**           | III.A.1.a).(1)                 | • Residents must have successfully completed at least 12 months of clinical education in an ACGME-, RCPSC-, or the CFPC-accredited program  
  o There must be a minimum of 10 months of direct patient care in both inpatient and outpatient settings  
  o Residents must have developed competency in fundamental clinical skills during this experience (III.A.1.a).(1).(b)) |
| **Radiation Oncology**           | IV.A.6.a)                     | • The first year of post-graduate clinical education must be in family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or surgery or surgical specialties, or in a transitional year program  
  o There must be a minimum of nine months of direct patient care in medical and/or surgical specialties other than radiation oncology |