

**Focused Revision of the Common Program Requirements
IMPACT STATEMENT**

Line Number(s): 286-289 will become effective July 1, 2014.

Requirement Revision (major revisions only):

III.A.2. Prerequisite clinical education for entry into ACGME-accredited residency programs must be accomplished in ACGME-accredited residency programs or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)-accredited residency programs located in Canada.

Describe, as appropriate, how the revision:

- 1) impacts the quality and safety of patient care;

Preliminary residents entering their core specialty programs are expected to participate under supervision in actual patient care. All members of the health care teams delivering this care have expectations of prior levels of resident education and demonstrated competence based on the levels of ACGME/RCPSC-trained individuals. These levels are unknown for non-ACGME/RCPSC trained individuals. The proposed revision provides for comparable baseline expectations set through ACGME/RCPSC standards.

- 2) improves the quality of resident education;

Programs other than those accredited by ACGME/Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) lack accreditation oversight by these organizations. Resident education in these programs, therefore, is not monitored or evaluated according to ACGME/RCPSC standards. As a result, neither the ACGME nor the RCPSC can confirm for the public the quality of education received by residents who train in programs they do not accredit.

- 3) affects the way the resident, the service, and the staff provide patients with continuing care;

N/A

- 4) requires a change in institutional resources (e.g., facilities; organization of other services; addition of faculty; financial impact);

There is no specific impact on institutional resources.

- 5) may change the volume and variety of patients required to provide proper educational resources in the institution(s);

N/A

- 6) impacts residency education across specialties.

The proposed changes have the potential to affect individuals currently in the training pipeline with plans for core training in those specialties with prerequisite education. ACGME estimates that the proposed standards would have affected

approximately 1.1% of core residents upon their entry. Therefore, some delay in implementation will be appropriate to accommodate individuals with defined plans for program entry in the next 12 to 24 months. Advance notice to programs, residents, medical schools and the public would be appropriate to allow individual and programs to adapt to the change.

It is important to note that the proposals will NOT exclude any person with current eligibility for ACGME-accredited training due to the type of undergraduate medical education. Graduates of US allopathic schools, osteopathic schools, and foreign medical schools who satisfy ECFMG requirements will continue to be eligible to enter programs in accredited specialties with the prerequisite clinical training upon completion of that training in an ACGME- or RCPSC- accredited program.

Line Number(s): 291-302 will become effective July 1, 2015.

Requirement Revision (major revisions only):

III.A.3. Prerequisite clinical education for entry into ACGME-accredited fellowship programs must meet the following qualifications:

III.A.3.a) for fellowship programs that require completion of a residency program, the completion of an ACGME-accredited residency program or an RCPSC-accredited residency program located in Canada.

III.A.3.a) for fellowship programs that require completion of some clinical education, clinical education that is accomplished in ACGME-accredited residency programs or RCPSC-accredited residency programs located in Canada.

Describe, as appropriate, how the revision:

- 1) impacts the quality and safety of patient care;

The completion of prerequisite ACGME/RCPSC-accredited training promotes the quality and safety of patient care and resident training in the core specialty residency program. Fellows are expected to supervise, advise, and instruct junior residents in the core patient care. In addition, all members of the health care team have expectations of prior levels of education and demonstrated competence based on ACGME/RCPSC-standards. These levels are unknown for non-ACGME/RCPSC educated individuals.

- 2) improves the quality of resident education;

Fellowship programs other than those accredited by the ACGME/RCPSC lack accreditation oversight provided by these organizations. Fellowship education in these programs is not monitored or evaluated according to ACGME/RCPSC standards. Therefore, ACGME cannot certify for the public the quality of the prior core specialty training of the physician entering the fellowship program.

- 3) affects the way the resident, the service, and the staff provide patients with continuing care;

N/A

- 4) requires a change in institutional resources (e.g., facilities; organization of other services; addition of faculty; financial impact);

There is no specific impact on institutional resources.

- 5) may change the volume and variety of patients required to provide proper educational resources in the institution(s);

N/A

- 6) impacts residency education across specialties.

The proposed changes have the potential to affect individuals planning to enter an ACGME-accredited subspecialty program. ACGME estimates that the proposed standards would have affected approximately 6.9% of subspecialty fellows upon their entry. Therefore, some delay in implementation will be appropriate to accommodate individuals with defined plans for program entry in the next 12 to 24 months. Advance notice to programs, residents, medical schools and the public would be appropriate to allow individual and programs to adapt to the change.

It is important to note that the proposals will NOT exclude any person currently eligible for ACGME-accredited training due to the type of undergraduate medical education. Graduates of US allopathic schools, osteopathic schools, and foreign medical schools who satisfy ECFMG requirements will continue to be eligible to enter programs in accredited specialties with the prerequisite clinical training upon completion of that training in an ACGME- or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) - accredited program.