Recognition of Sponsoring Institutions with Non-Standard Training Programs for J-1 Visa Sponsorship: Examples of Non-Standard Training Focus Areas

Institutional Review Committee

All Non-Standard Training (NST) programs will be categorized under a "focus area." Focus areas are intended to describe the area of advanced clinical training being offered within an NST program. Focus areas are not the same as the name of a program used within the Sponsoring Institution. In many cases, NST programs that offer similar clinical training may be housed within a singular focus area. Focus areas should clearly convey an area of advanced specialty training where there is no ACGME accreditation available or certification by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and its member boards. Approval of focus area usage does not automatically designate approval of a proposed NST program.

Examples of clinical focus areas are below. This is a non-exhaustive list of focus areas that are available in the Accreditation Data System (ADS) when entering new programs. Sponsoring Institutions can request new NST focus areas and new specialty/subspecialty relationships that do not appear on this list and do not appear in ADS.

New requests will be assessed for alignment with existing focus areas, if possible. The ACGME will also continually assess focus areas to ensure nomenclature consistency. At times, the ACGME may request additional information when reviewing new focus area requests.

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Examples of NST Focus Areas with Most Closely Related ACGME-Accredited Specialty(ies)/Subspecialty(ies)

Proposed ACGME NST Focus Area Name	Most Closely Related Specialty(ies)/Subspecialty(ies) 1	Most Closely Related Specialty(ies)/Subspecialty(ies) 2	Most Closely Related Specialty(ies)/Subspecialty(ies) 3	Most Closely Related Specialty(ies)/Subspecialty(ies) 4
Cancer Anesthesia	Anesthesiology	Hospice and Palliative Medicine		
Neuroanesthesiology	Anesthesiology			
Peri-Operative Medicine	Anesthesiology			
Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging	Cardiovascular Disease			
Cardiac Replacement Therapy	Cardiovascular Disease	Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology		
Cardiac Valve Disease	Cardiovascular Disease			
Cardio-Oncology	Cardiovascular Disease	Hematology and Medical Oncology		
Sports Cardiology	Cardiovascular disease			
Minimally Invasive Colorectal Surgery	Colon and Rectal Surgery			
Oncologic Colon and Rectal Surgery	Colon and Rectal Surgery			
Pediatric Surgical Oncology	Complex General Surgical Oncology			
Urinary Tract and Pelvic Reconstruction	Complex General Surgical Oncology			
Women's Mental Health	Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry			
Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)	Critical Care Medicine			
Cutaneous Lymphoma	Dermatology			
Immunodermatology	Dermatology			
Rheumatologic Dermatology	Dermatology			
Disaster Medicine	Emergency Medicine	Emergency Medical Services		
Wilderness Medicine	Emergency Medicine	Emergency Medical Services		
Geriatric Diabetes	Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism	Geriatric Medicine		
Nutrition and Metabolic Disease	Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism			
Epilepsy Genetics	Epilepsy	Medical Genetics and Genomics		
Neurocritical Care EEG	Epilepsy			
Family Medicine Chief Residency	Family Medicine			
Human Immunodeficiency Virus Dermatologic Care	Family Medicine			
Esophageal Diseases	Gastroenterology			
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Gastroenterology			
Blood and Marrow Transplantation	Hematology	Hematology and Medical Oncology		
Multiple Myeloma	Hematology	Hematology and Medical Oncology		
Myeloma Amyloid and Dysproteinemia Disorders	Hematology	Hematology and Medical Oncology		
Cancer Genetics	Hematology and Medical Oncology	Medical Genetics and Genomics		
Cell Therapy in Hematology	Hematology and Medical Oncology			
Genitourinary Oncology	Hematology and Medical Oncology			
Mycology	Infectious Disease			
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	Infectious Disease			
Transplant and Oncology Infectious Disease	Infectious Disease	Hematology and Medical Oncology		
Gastrointestinal Nutrition	Internal Medicine	Gastroenterology		
Genitourinary Medicine	Internal Medicine	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Urology	
Internal Medicine Chief Residency	Internal Medicine			
Complex and Higher-Risk Interventional Procedures	Interventional Cardiology			
Medical Genetics in Maternal-Fetal Medicine	Maternal-Fetal Medicine	Medical Genetics and Genomics		
Lysosomal Storage Disease	Medical Biochemical Genetics			
Complex Trait Analysis	Medical Genetics and Genomics			
Liver Oncology	Medical Oncology	Hematology and Medical Oncology		
Melanoma Oncology	Medical Oncology	Hematology and Medical Oncology		
Hypertension Nephrology	Nephrology			
Renal Genetics	Nephrology			
Renal Imaging	Nephrology	Diagnostic Radiology		
Cranial Base Oncology	Neurological Surgery			
Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology	Neurology			
Headache Medicine	Neurology	Internal Medicine	Child Neurology	
Movement Disorders	Neurology			
Neuroimmunology	Neurology			
Sports Neurology	Neurology			
Gene Therapy in Neuromuscular Medicine	Neuromuscular Medicine			
Cochlear Implants	Neurotology	Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery		
Molecular Imaging and Theranostics	Nuclear Medicine			
Obstetric Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine	Obstetric Anesthesiology			
Gynecologic Endoscopy	Obstetrics and Gynecology			
Menopause	Obstetrics and Gynecology			
Polycystic Ovary Syndrome	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism		
Neuro-Ophthalmology	Ophthalmology	Neurology		
Ocular Oncology	Ophthalmology			
Vision Rehabilitation	Ophthalmology			
Limb Deformity	Orthopaedic Surgery			
Metabolic Bone Diseases	Orthopaedic Surgery			
Minimally Invasive Spinal Surgery	Orthopaedic Surgery	Neurological Surgery		
Orthopaedic Sarcoma Surgery	Orthopaedic Surgery	Musculoskeletal Oncology		
Sleep Surgery	Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery			
Pediatric Neuroanesthesia	Pediatric Anesthesiology			
Pediatric Pulmonary Hypertension	Pediatric Cardiology			
Pediatric Cancer Immunotherapy and Bone Marrow Transplant	Pediatric Hematology-Oncology			
Pediatric Transplantation Surgery	Pediatric Surgery			
Eating Disorders	Pediatrics	Adolescent Medicine	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	
Pediatric Environmental Health	Pediatrics			
Pediatrics Chief Residency	Pediatrics			
Cancer Rehabilitation	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Hospice and Palliative Medicine		
Electrodiagnosis and Chronic Pain	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation			
Neurological Rehabilitation	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation			
Head and Neck Microvascular Surgery	Plastic Surgery	Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery		
Lymphatic Surgery	Plastic Surgery			
Bipolar Disorders	Psychiatry			
Mood Disorders	Psychiatry			
Refugee Mental Health	Psychiatry			
Interstitial Lung Disease	Pulmonary Disease	Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine		
Pulmonary Hypertension	Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine			
Transplant Pulmonology	Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine			
Brachytherapy	Radiation Oncology			
Central Nervous System Radiation Oncology	Radiation Oncology			
Investigational Cancer Therapeutics	Radiation Oncology			
Lymphoma	Radiation Oncology			
Oncologic Emergency Medicine	Radiation Oncology			
Oncologic Endoscopy	Radiation Oncology			
Oncologic Nephrology	Radiation Oncology			
Pediatric Radiation Oncology	Radiation Oncology			
Stereotactic Radiation Therapy	Radiation Oncology			
Supportive and Palliative Radiation Oncology	Radiation Oncology			
Body Imaging	Diagnostic Radiology			
Breast Imaging	Diagnostic Radiology			
Cancer Imaging	Diagnostic Radiology			
Cardiothoracic Imaging	Diagnostic Radiology			
Emergency Radiology	Diagnostic Radiology			
Interventional Oncology	Diagnostic Radiology			
Positron Emission Tomography	Diagnostic Radiology	Nuclear Medicine		
Arthritis	Rheumatology			
Inflammatory Muscle Disease	Rheumatology			
Lyme and Tickborne Disease	Rheumatology			
Myositis	Rheumatology			
Spinal Disease	Rheumatology			
Female Athlete	Sports Medicine (Pediatrics)			
Bariatric Surgery	Surgery			
Breast Oncologic Surgery	Surgery	Complex General Surgical Oncology		
Burn Surgery	Surgery	Plastic Surgery		
Minimally Invasive Foregut Surgery	Surgery			
Transplant Surgery	Surgery			
Cardiac Valve Surgery	Thoracic Surgery			
Cardiothoracic Critical Care	Thoracic Surgery			
Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery	Thoracic Surgery			
Bladder Cancer	Urology			
Infertility	Urology			
Urologic Oncology	Urology	Complex General Surgical Oncology		

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