

## Faculty Qualifications Review Committee for Plastic Surgery

Faculty members are a foundational element of graduate medical education. In each program, there must be a sufficient number of faculty members with competence to instruct and supervise all residents. Faculty members not certified by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or a certifying board of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) must adhere to the following ACGME Common Program Requirements:

### II.B.3. Faculty Qualifications

**II.B.3.a) Faculty members must have appropriate qualifications in their field and hold appropriate institutional appointments. <sup>(Core)</sup>**

**II.B.3.b) Physician faculty members must:**

**II.B.3.b).(1) have current certification in the specialty by the American Board of Plastic Surgery or the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery – Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, or possess qualifications judged acceptable to the Review Committee. <sup>(Core)</sup>**

All physician faculty members who are not currently certified by a member board of the ABMS or a certifying board of the AOA must be approved by the Review Committee. In such a case, the proposed faculty member's full curriculum vitae must be submitted for review along with a cover letter signed by the program director and the designated institutional official.

Email the request to:  
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Prior to submission of the Accreditation Data System (ADS) Annual Update, programs should ensure that all faculty certification documentation is complete and accurate in ADS. Each faculty member should have a designated certification status as listed below. With the exception of "Time-unlimited," all other categories of certification should have an original certification date and a recertification date where applicable.

### Certification Status Categories in ADS:

- R = Re-Certified
- O = Time Limited/Initial Currently Valid
- L = Certification Lapsed
- N = Time-unlimited
- M = MOC/CC
- C = Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC)