

Faculty Qualifications Review Committee for Thoracic 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 by 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. ^(Core)

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

II.B.3.b).(1) have current certification in the specialty by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery or the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery, or possess qualifications judged acceptable to the Review Committee.
^(Core)

All physician faculty members who are not currently certified by a member board of the ABMS or by 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)