

Faculty Qualifications Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery

Faculty members are a foundational element of graduate medical education. At each participating site, there must be a sufficient number of faculty members with competence to instruct and supervise all fellows at that location. Non-American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or non-American Osteopathic Board of Surgery (AOBS) faculty members 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) Subspecialty physician faculty members must:**
 - II.B.3.b).(1) have current certification in the subspecialty by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery or the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery, or possess qualifications judged acceptable to the Review Committee. ^(Core)**
- II.B.3.c) Any non-physician faculty members who participate in fellowship program education must be approved by the program director. ^(Core)**

All physician faculty members who are not ABMS or AOBS board-certified 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.

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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 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/Original Currently Valid
- L = Certification Lapsed
- N = Time-unlimited
- M = MOC/CC Requirements
- C = Osteopathic Continuous Certification