

STAC Update - 2010

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Certification

- Anesthesia
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Med/Peds
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- OB/GYN
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Prev. Med & Rehab
- Pediatrics
 - Neonatal/Perinatal
- Psychiatry
 - Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
- Surgery
 - Vascular Surgery
- Transitional Year
- Urology

Certification

- 283 Certifications since 2005
- Total number of core specialties approved to offer certification = 16
- Almost doubled since 2009.

Specialties with current Task Forces

- Core Clinical Specialty
 - Ophthalmology
- Sub-specialties
 - Pediatric Neonatology

Since ARCS 2009 - Certification in Surgery

- Initial Certification
 - 2009 = 6
 - Spring 2010 = 1
- Maintenance of Certification (MOC)
 - 2009 = 21
 - Spring 2010 = 7

Changes effective Fall 2010

- New Surgical assessment tools
 - Initial Assessment tool revised to fall into the new guidelines set by TAGME
 - Maintenance of Certification tool revised and updated
 - Based upon the current ACGME Program Requirements for General Surgery and the American Board of Surgery Booklet of Information.

7 tips for success on your certification assessment

Tips

- Read and become familiar with all documents. Do not assume you know the answer and where to find it.
 - One of the most common errors made is to assume that you know the requirements because you work with them everyday.

Tips

- Read and become familiar with all documents. Give only the citation to the degree that is asked for.
 - The directions for the citations tell you to write the citation only up to the 4th degree. If you choose to write the citation to a higher degree and it is incorrect, the answer is wrong, even if the first 4 degrees are correct.

Tips

- Read the questions carefully.
 - A common pitfall is to answer what you think is being asked, and not what is actually being asked.

Tips

- Read the questions carefully and follow directions.
 - If the question has 3 parts – answer all three

Tips

- Answer all questions as if your program actually does what is being asked about.
 - Saying “My program does not do this.” is not an acceptable answer. The questions assess the concepts and knowledge involved in managing training programs.

Tips

- Let the point value of the question guide your answer.
 - If the question is worth 5 points, one or two sentences will not be sufficient.

Tips

- Do not allow yourself to think that you can finish the work effort tool at your desk in one day. Treat it as your PIF.
 - A work effort tool done quickly is a shallow product and does not adequately reflect on your knowledge or abilities.

Certification Assessment Results

- Since 2005, there have been 53 surgical candidates for certification
 - 38 were successful on their 1st try
 - 10 were successful on their 2nd try
 - 2 were successful on their 3rd try
 - 3 were unsuccessful on their 1st try and chose not to try again.

Certification Assessment Results

- Of the 53 certified
 - 11 are no longer surgical residency program managers
 - 21 have been successful on their MOC's
 - 8 have just taken either the initial or the MOC and are awaiting their results
 - 13 have not reached their MOC date

Application Dates

- Dates

- March 1 – May 30 for the Fall Assessment
- September 1 – November 30 for assessment dates between January 1 and June 30

Application Criteria

- Criteria for initial application
 - 3 years as a coordinator in the applicant's clinical specialty
 - Attendance at one national meeting in the past 3 years whose focus is graduate medical education
 - Participation in a site visit or internal review within the past 3 years
 - Personal professional development within the past 3 years, which may include presentations at national, regional, state, institutional or department level; poster presentation or manuscripts published

Recertification

- Criteria

- A 5-year period including the year of certification
- Application includes continuation of initial criteria

Fees

- Original certification \$250
- Renewal of certification \$125

Fall monitored assessment sites

- Fall regional sites will be offered for monitored assessment – check www.tagme.org for date and location
- All sites will be open to any qualified applicant regardless of specialty.

Spring Monitored Assessment Sites

- Clinical Specialty National Meetings
- Any clinical specialty national meeting that allows their site to be open to other clinical specialties
- TAGME is looking into having TAGME open sites

Website

- Check the "New" TAGME website for updates

www.tagme.org