

International Advanced Specialty Program Requirements Summary of Requirements for a Newly Accredited Subspecialty ACGME-I

Advanced Specialty Requirements for: **Dermatopathology**
Proposed Effective Date: **15 September 2026**

Comments are currently being solicited on Program Requirements for a newly accredited subspecialty. To aid those providing comment, the following table summarizes and provides a rationale for the unique elements of these new Program Requirements.

The Review Committee-International will use the comments provided to determine the final Program Requirements which will be posted on the ACGME-I website.

Requirement	Line Number	Rationale
I.A.2. The Sponsoring Institution must provide clinical services and qualified faculty members in dermatology and anatomic pathology or anatomic and clinical pathology.	35-37	The requirement is intended to ensure that dermatopathology fellows have a depth and breadth of experience in both dermatology and pathology by ensuring that both specialties are incorporated throughout the curriculum. In addition to providing clinical services, the program should include faculty members role-modeling a culture of inquiry through shared research opportunities across both specialties; faculty members serving as clinical role models in both disciplines; and educational conferences that address topics relevant to both specialties.
IV.C.5. In a 12-month program, at least 4 months must be devoted to the study of dermatopathology, exclusively. In a 24-month program, 8 months must be devoted exclusively to the study of dermatopathology. a) During each 12-month period, each fellow must examine at least 5000 dermatopathology specimens, including in-house or referred specimens in the institution's accessions file for which reports are generated.	179-184	The intent of the requirement is that fellows have clinical exposure to dermatopathology throughout their program regardless of program length.
IV.C.6. Fellows who are pathologists must devote 50 percent of the	186-200	The intent of the requirements is that fellows with different clinical experiences and

remaining months of the program, to education in clinical dermatology provided by the dermatology teaching faculty. a) Fellows who are pathologists must each examine at least 500 dermatology patients during each 12-month period, including children and adults. IV.C.7. Fellows who are dermatologists must devote 50 percent of the remaining months of the program, to education in anatomic pathology provided by the pathology teaching faculty. a) Fellows who are dermatologists must each examine at least 500 surgical pathology specimens during each 12-month period, representing the breadth of dermatopathology.		competence following their residency program will have opportunity to meet all clinical competencies in dermatopathology; and that fellows have clinical exposure to dermatopathology throughout the fellowship regardless of program length.
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