

ACGME Review Committee Eligibility Decisions

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Fellowship Eligibility

The ACGME Common Program Requirements (Fellowship), effective July 1, 2019, include two choices for fellowship eligibility (see 3.2.). The table below reflects the eligibility decisions for each Review Committee. Review Committees that chose Option 1 needed to decide whether to allow exceptions to the eligibility requirements. *Note: Review Committees that do not accredit fellowships are not listed in the table.*

Fellowship Eligibility			
Review Committee	Option 1 (Prerequisite education must be completed in a program with one of the following: ACGME accreditation; AOA approval; ACGME-I Advanced Specialty Accreditation; or, RCPSC or CFPC accreditation)	Option 2 (Prerequisite education must be completed in a program with one of the following: ACGME accreditation or AOA approval)	Allows Fellowship Eligibility Exception (not permitted with Option 2)
Anesthesiology	X		Yes
Dermatology	X		Yes
Emergency Medicine	X		Yes
Family Medicine	X		Yes
Internal Medicine	X		Yes
Medical Genetics and Genomics	X		Yes
Neurological Surgery		X	Exceptions not available with Option 2
Neurology	X		No
Obstetrics and Gynecology	X		Yes
Ophthalmology	X		Yes
Orthopaedic Surgery	X		Yes
Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery	X		Yes
Pathology	X		Yes
Pediatrics	X		Yes
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	X		Yes
Plastic Surgery	X		Yes
Preventive Medicine	X		Yes

Psychiatry	X		Yes
Radiation Oncology	X		Yes
Radiology	X		Yes
Surgery	X		No
Thoracic Surgery	X		No
Urology	X		Yes

Residency Eligibility

Additionally, a Review Committee may permit the eligibility exception if the specialty requires completion of a prerequisite residency program prior to admission (see Common Program Requirements (Residency), 3.3.b.). Review Committees for which this is applicable are listed below with their decisions regarding whether or not to allow the exception.

Resident Eligibility Exception	
Review Committee	Allows Resident Eligibility Exception
Allergy and Immunology	Yes
Colon and Rectal Surgery	No
Nuclear Medicine	Yes
Preventive Medicine	Yes