

## ALTERNATE ENTRY PATH TO SUBSPECIALTY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Alternate Entry Path - Fellowship (AEP-F) program allows international medical graduates who are certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) through the Alternate Pathway, and are practicing anesthesiology in the U.S., to qualify for entrance into the ABA examination system for Cardiac Anesthesiology, Critical Care Medicine, Pediatric Anesthesiology, and Pain Medicine. The objective of the program is to encourage outstanding internationally trained and certified anesthesiologists to become productive members of U.S. academic anesthesiology programs within the specialty. Completion of the Alternate Pathway in Anesthesiology is required. A record of documented achievement in teaching and/or scholarship, rather than the potential for future success, is critical to acceptance into the AEP program, as is the ability of the sponsoring department to provide an outstanding academic environment.

AEP fellowship program participants will spend one year in an academic anesthesiology training program as faculty members. Participants are expected to actively participate in departmental educational activities and to otherwise retain or gain anesthesiology knowledge and experience that would help them to attain ABA Fellowship certification. The department enrolling an international medical graduate in the AEP program must have an anesthesiology residency or fellowship training program with "continued full" ACGME accreditation status. Those individuals who participate in the AEP-Fellowship will not count to the maximum of four individuals participating in the AEP.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

When the anesthesiology department enrolls the graduate of the Alternate Pathway program, the department must have an ACGME accredited fellowship in the specialty. To be considered for entry into the AEP Fellowship, physicians must:

- Be board certified in anesthesiology from the ABA.
- Verification of an active, unrestricted, unexpired medical license.
- Internationally trained with 4+ years (3+ years of anesthesiology-specific training) of post-graduate medical education as well as additional training in the desired fellowship of at least one year in duration.
- Have a letter of support from the sponsoring program's chair and program director.
- Have an active clinical appointment for a minimum period of one year after enrolling in the AEP program.
- Have an academic appointment in a department of anesthesiology with an ACGME-approved fellowship and should be an outstanding clinician educator in the field of anesthesiology.

- Have the sponsoring program's department chair and program director submit mentoring plan of one year duration for future academic development, co-signed by the physician for prospective approval by our Credentialing Committee.
- Demonstrate excellence in teaching and excellence in clinical anesthesiology during the year specifically designed and identified for the physician.

#### PERIODIC EVALUATION REPORTS:

- At six-months and at one year, the department chair will provide an assessment of the physician's performance during the preceding six months relative to the American Board of Medical Specialties and ACGME approved six general physician competencies.
- All participants must take the In-Training Exam (ITE) for the fellowship.

#### CERTIFICATION ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- AEP Fellowship participants must complete the planned and approved one-year program in one anesthesiology subspecialty department before we will accept them as a candidate for subspecialty certification.