

ACGME Specialties Requiring a Preliminary Year
(as of July 1, 2020)
Transitional Year Review Committee

Specialty	Program Requirement(s)	Requirements for PGY-1
Anesthesiology	III.A.2.a).(1); IV.C.3.-IV.C.3.b); IV.C.4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents must have successfully completed 12 months of education in fundamental clinical skills in a program accredited by the ACGME, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), or in a program with ACGME International (ACGME-I) Advanced Specialty Accreditation. • 12 months of education must provide education in fundamental clinical skills of medicine relevant to anesthesiology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This education does not need to be in first year, but it must be completed before starting the final year. ○ This education must include at least six months of fundamental clinical skills education caring for inpatients in family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, surgery or any surgical specialties, or any combination of these. • During the first 12 months, there must be at least one month (not more than two) each of critical care medicine and emergency medicine.
Dermatology	III.A.2.a).(1)- III.A.2.a).(1).(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to appointment, residents must have successfully completed a broad-based clinical year (PGY-1) in an emergency medicine, family medicine, general surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or a transitional year program accredited by the ACGME, AOA, RCPSC, CFPC, or ACGME-I (Advanced Specialty Accreditation). • During the first year (PGY-1), elective rotations in dermatology must not exceed a total of two months.
Diagnostic Radiology	III.A.2.b)- III.A.2.b).(1).(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to appointment, residents must have successfully completed a prerequisite year of direct patient care in a program accredited by the ACGME, AOA, RCPSC, CFPC, or ACGME-I (Advanced Specialty Accreditation) in emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, surgery or surgical specialties, transitional year, or any combination of these. • During the prerequisite year, elective rotations in diagnostic radiology or interventional radiology must only occur in radiology departments with a diagnostic radiology or interventional radiology residency program accredited by one of the organizations listed in the previous bullet, and must not exceed a combined total of two months.
Nuclear Medicine	III.A.2.a).(1)- III.A.2.a).(1).(a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents must have successfully completed at least one year of graduate medical education in a program accredited by the ACGME, AOA, RCPSC, CFPC, or ACGME-I (Advanced Specialty Accreditation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A minimum of nine months of direct patient care is required.
Neurology	III.A.2.b)- III.A.2.b).(2).(a); IV.C.4.-IV.C.5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents must receive broad clinical experience in general internal medicine either during the first year of a 48-month program or a year of graduate education in a program accredited by the ACGME, AOA, RCPSC, CFPC, or ACGME-I (Advanced Specialty Accreditation) prior to entering a 36-month program.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This experience must include eight months in internal medicine, with primary responsibility in patient care or six months in internal medicine with primary responsibility in patient care and a period of at least two months comprising one or more months of emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, or pediatrics. ○ Residents may spend up to four months in neurology during this year.
Ophthalmology	Int. C.1.-Int.C.1.b); III.A.2.b)-III.A.2.c).(1); IV.C.3.-IV.C.4.	<p>Effective July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to appointment, residents must have successfully completed a post-graduate clinical year (PGY-1) in a program accredited by the ACGME, AOA, RCPSC, CFPC, or ACGME-I (Advanced Specialty Accreditation). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The PGY-1 must be in emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or surgery, or in a transitional year program. <p>Effective July 1, 2021, however, citations related to implementation of these requirements will not be issued until July 1, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents entering a joint preliminary year/ophthalmology format program should have completed 12 months of preliminary clinical education in an ACGME-accredited program sponsored by the same institution that sponsors the ophthalmology residency program. • The preliminary year must be in a program that includes direct patient care experience (e.g., emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or surgery, or a transitional year program), and must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nine months of broad experience in direct patient care that takes place in diverse settings and includes the diagnosis and treatment of patients with varied diseases and conditions. Examples of appropriate settings include inpatient wards, the emergency room, outpatient clinics, and the operating room. ○ Three months of experience in ophthalmology in the same Sponsoring Institution as the ophthalmology program or at a site acceptable to the Review Committee. • For the joint preliminary year/ophthalmology format, the educational program for the preliminary year must be developed by the program director of the preliminary year program with the input and approval of the respective ophthalmology program director.
Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine	III.A.2.c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be eligible for entry into the program at the ONMM2 level, residents must have successfully completed, prior to appointment, a broad-based clinical year (PGY-1) in a residency program accredited by the ACGME, AOA, RCPSC, CFPC, or ACGME-I (Advanced Specialty Accreditation).
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	III.A.2.a).(1); IV.C.3.d)-IV.C.3.d).(1).(b).(iv)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to beginning PGY-2 physical medicine and rehabilitation rotations, residents must have successfully completed 12 months of education in fundamental clinical skills in either a transitional year program or a residency program accredited by the ACGME, AOA, RCPSC, CFPC, or ACGME-I (Advanced Specialty Accreditation). • The first 12 months must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a minimum of six months in emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, surgery, or any combination of these; ○ remaining rotations may be in any accredited specialty or subspecialty (each must be a minimum of four weeks);

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ no more than eight weeks in indirect patient care experiences (e.g., pathology, radiology, research); and, ○ no more than four weeks in physical medicine and rehabilitation.
Preventive Medicine	III.A.2.b)- III.A.2.b).(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents must have successfully completed 12 months of education in fundamental clinical skills in a residency program accredited by the ACGME, AOA, RCPSC, CFPC, or ACGME-I (Advanced Specialty Accreditation). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There must be a minimum of 10 months of direct patient care in both inpatient and outpatient settings.
Radiation Oncology	III.A.2.b)- III.A.2.b).(2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to entering the program, residents must have completed 12 months of post-graduate clinical education in a residency program accredited by the ACGME, AOA, RCPSC, CFPC, or ACGME-I (Advanced Specialty Accreditation). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There must be a minimum of nine months of direct patient care in family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, or surgery or surgical specialties, or in a transitional year program. ○ A maximum of three months can be in radiation oncology.