

**ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education
in Hand Surgery
Summary and Impact of Interim Requirement Revisions**

Requirement #: **III.A.1.b).(1)-III.A.1.b).(1).(c)**

Requirement Revision (significant change only):

III.A.1.b).(1) An ACGME-accredited fellowship program may accept a candidate participating in the joint plastic surgery-hand surgery pathway who does not satisfy the eligibility requirements in III.A.1.b), but who does meet all of the following additional qualifications and conditions:

III.A.1.b).(1).(a) determination by the American Board of Plastic Surgery that the applicant has met the curricular requirements for the integrated plastic surgery residency; ^(Core)

III.A.1.b).(1).(b) evaluation by the program director, residency Clinical Competency Committee, and fellowship selection committee of the applicant's suitability to enter the program, based on prior education and review of the summative evaluations of education in the core specialty; and, ^(Core)

III.A.1.b).(1).(c) advance approval by the Review Committee. ^(Core)

1. Describe the Review Committee's rationale for this revision:
The Review Committee for Plastic Surgery has implemented a new education and training pathway, a joint plastic surgery-hand surgery model, and this revision clarifies the eligibility requirements.
2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality?
N/A
3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care?
N/A
4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how?
N/A
5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs?
N/A