Training Path for a Surgeon Certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery

INTEGRATED MODEL
M.D. or D.O degree from an accredited program within the U.S. or Canada

Complete an ACGME accredited Integrated Plastic Surgery training program for 6 years.
The curriculum includes the basic experience in clinical general surgery; 36 months must be concentrated plastic surgery training with no less than 12 months of senior/chief responsibility on the clinical service of plastic surgery.
Residents must complete the last 36 months of their education in the same plastic surgery program.

INDEPENDENT MODEL
D.M.D. or M.D. degree or D.D.S. plus M.D. degree

Complete an ACGME or RCPSC accredited general surgery, vascular surgery, neurological surgery, orthopedic surgery, otolaryngology, thoracic or urology residency program. Must include evidence of current admissibility to the respective specialty board’s examination process in the United States is required.

INDEPENDENT MODEL
M.D. degree from outside of U.S. or Canada or with International Training and ECFMG Certification

Satisfactory completion of accredited residency training in general surgery including vascular surgery, neurological surgery, orthopedic surgery, otolaryngology, thoracic or urology, including evidence of current admissibility to the respective specialty board’s examination process in the U.S. is required.

Must Include
• Doctor of Medicine degree (M.D.)
• Minimum of 24 months of progressive responsibility (post M.D. degree) on surgical rotations that fall under the direction of general surgery program directors.

Complete three years of concentrated plastic surgery training in ACGME or RCSCP accredited Plastic Surgery program, with no less than 12 months of senior/chief responsibility.

Certification by The American Board of Plastic Surgery when the qualifying (written) exam and certifying (oral) exams are passed.