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

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

D.M.D. plus M.D. degree or D.D.S. plus M.D. degree

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

Integrated Model
Complete an ACGME accredited Integrated Plastic Surgery training program for six 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
Complete an ACGME or RCPSC accredited general surgery including the vascular surgery board, neurological surgery, orthopedic surgery, otolaryngology, thoracic or urology residency program, including evidence of current admissibility to the respective specialty board’s examination process in the United States is required.

Independent Model
Completion of residency program in oral and maxillofacial surgery, approved by the American Dental Association (ADA).
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 the general surgery program directors.

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

Complete three years of concentrated plastic surgery training in an ACGME or RCPSC 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) exam are passed.

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