

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION IN CRITICAL CARE

On September 18, 1985, the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ABOG) was authorized to issue certificates in Obstetrics and Gynecology with Added Qualification in Critical Care (CC). The purpose of certifying in critical care is to recognize those Obstetrician/Gynecologists who, through added education and examination, have demonstrated knowledge and skill in the care of critically ill patients.

Prior to certification, an individual must satisfactorily complete a course of education in critical care of no less than 12 months in duration in an ACGME-accredited training program in anesthesiology (ABA) or surgery (ABS).

Below are the requirements of the American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) for Critical Care Medicine.

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The Critical Care Medicine physician is a specialist whose knowledge is of necessity broad, involving all aspects of management of the critically ill patient, and whose primary base of operation is the intensive care unit (ICU). This physician has completed training in a primary specialty and has received additional training in critical care medicine aspects of many disciplines. This background enables the physician to work in concert with the various specialists on the patient care team in the ICU; to utilize recognized techniques for vital support; to teach other physicians, nurses, and health professionals the practice of intensive care; and to foster research.

TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. 12 contiguous months of training; or
2. 12 contiguous months of training combined with an ACGME-accredited fellowship program in Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Gynecologic Oncology, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, or Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery. The total combined training time will be 42 months.

REGISTRATION FOR TRAINING PROGRAM

1. Applicant does not need to be certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology; however, applicant must meet the eligibility requirements for ABOG's certification in Obstetrics and Gynecology.
2. Applicant must submit the following Fellowship Department at least 90 days prior to Critical Care fellowship start date:
 - a. Registration Application (available on ABOG website)
 - b. Registration fee of \$435.00
 - i. Non-refundable
 - ii. Payable to the ABOG in US funds, check or money order (credit cards not accepted)
 - c. Late fee of \$250.00 if application or fee is received after the deadline (non-refundable)

If the CCM training is in conjunction with an ABOG-accredited subspecialty fellowship, approval from the ABOG must be obtained prior to submitting the registration application and fee. A request for a combined fellowship must be received in the ABOG Fellowship Department by the subspecialty fellowship Program Director (to include block diagrams) prior to the end of the sixth month of fellowship training. If approval is granted, the registration application and fee must be received in the ABOG Fellowship Department within 60 days of the date of approval.

3. If the applicant meets the requirements, the ABOG will provide a letter of acceptance.

CCM CERTIFYING EXAMINATION

1. Candidate must have been registered for and either completed or be near completion of a CCM training program.
2. Candidate must submit the following to the ABOG Fellowship Department at least 90 days prior to the date of the examination:
 - a. Application for Certification in Obstetrics and Gynecology with Added Qualification in Critical Care Medicine (ABA) (available on ABOG website)
 - b. Examination fee of \$1825.00
 - i. Payable to ABOG in US funds, check or money order (credit cards not accepted)
 - 1) Includes examination fees assessed by the ABA
 - ii. Full or partial fee may be refundable at the discretion of the ABOG if examination is canceled
 - c. Late fee of \$250.00 if application or fee is received after the deadline (non-refundable)
3. Candidate is provided a letter of approval (or tentative approval if still in training)
 - a. Criteria for approval:
 - i. Satisfactorily completed a CCM training program
 - ii. Obtained a passing grade on the Qualifying Examination in Obstetrics and Gynecology
 - iii. Submitted an affidavit attesting to the candidate's satisfactory completion of the training program
4. The CCM examination is contingent upon availability

In order to receive Certification in Obstetrics and Gynecology with Added Qualification in Critical Care Medicine, the following requirements must be met:

1. Must have passed the CCM examination; and
2. Must be a Diplomate in Obstetrics and Gynecology in good standing and current in the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) process.
 - a. If not yet certified, the results from the CCM examination will be released; however, the candidate will not be considered certified in CCM by the ABOG or the ABA until certification in Obstetrics and Gynecology is achieved

CERTIFICATES

Once all requirements are met, a certificate of added qualification will be administered by the ABOG.

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION

Maintenance of Certification (MOC) will be accomplished through the standard MOC process administered by the ABOG in the specialty of Obstetrics and Gynecology and any applicable subspecialty (Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Gynecologic Oncology, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, or Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery).