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ALTERNATE ENTRY PATH PROGRAM

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BROADENING THE CERTIFICATION PATHWAY

TWO AEP PATHWAYS

RESEARCH & FELLOWSHIP PATHWAY

- Internationally-trained and certified
- Practicing in U.S.
- Pre-existing track record of scholarship as represented by the scholarship of discovery, dissemination and application
- Complete four years of continuous experience in one anesthesiology department
- Approved four-year plan of fellowship training, research or faculty experience
- Funding for K or R grants from NIH, FAER, AHA, APSF, IARS, DOD, VA merit

CLINICIAN EDUCATOR PATHWAY

- Internationally trained in an [ABA-approved](#) training program with 4+ years (3+ years of anesthesiology-specific training) of post-graduate education in anesthesiology
- Letter of support from sponsoring program's chair & PD
- Valid [unrestricted medical license](#) for scope of practice
- Board certification in anesthesiology from an [ABA-approved certifying body](#)
- Clinically active with a [faculty appointment](#) for [four continuous years](#) in an ACGME-accredited anesthesiology program
- [Academic rank of assistant professor or higher](#) at the time of application
- Approved [four-year mentoring plan](#) for future academic development as a clinician educator

TRAINING & CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Australia & New Zealand

Canada

Europe (other than UK and Ireland)

Ireland

Singapore

South Africa

United Kingdom



AEP PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES



HOW TO APPLY

- Collect the checklist items for the appropriate pathway
- Complete the online application
- Mail the application fee with the signed, mail-in form to the ABA



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ALTERNATE ENTRY PATH APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

CLINICIAN EDUCATOR PATHWAY

1. Collect the items listed in the [Clinician Educator Pathway Checklist](#) and submit them via the online application at:

<http://info.theaba.org/AEP/ClinicianEducator>

2. Mail the \$2,500 check for the application fee to:

ABA Secretary
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3. Complete the details below, print this form, and mail it with your check. The information should match the information submitted in the online application.

Program: _____

RRC Number: _____

Department Chair's Name: _____

Department Chair's Signature: _____

Program Director's Name: _____

Program Director's Signature: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Applicant's SSN: _____

QUESTIONS?

REVISED ABSENCE FROM TRAINING POLICY

MEDICAL AND FAMILY LEAVE



WHAT'S CHANGING?

CURRENT POLICY

- Up to 12 weeks (60 working days) of time away during CA1-3 years

PROPOSED POLICY

- Up to 12 weeks (60 working days) of time away during CA1-3 years
- Up to **8 additional weeks of leave** with ABA-approval (40 working days) during the CA1-3 years **without extending training**

Absences in excess of both the current and proposed policies will require lengthening total training time

REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

- Surveying trainees, chairs and program directors to ensure policy meets their needs before it's effective on July 1, 2019
 - We've received 650+ responses so far, of which 600 indicated that the new policy meets their needs very well or fairly well
- The survey closes Nov. 9, so please submit your responses soon
 - Once we receive the survey data we will finalize and announce the policy
 - It will go into effect July 1, 2019

FEEDBACK THEMES

- Residents may experience significant personal concerns that require leave, but feel guilty about taking time off
- Residents need as much time as possible in training to meet the clinical competency standards
- This may cause division between residents
- *“This is an amazing and wonderful change to the policy! Especially as all specialties are moving towards a milestone based curriculum.”*



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QUESTIONS?

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