



## **Transplant Accreditation & Certification Council (TACC) Career Certification Pathway**

### **Mission**

The Transplant Accreditation & Certification Council (TACC) serves the public, healthcare community, and transplant surgeons by promoting excellence and professionalism through education, accreditation, and certification.

### **Purpose**

The Transplant Accreditation & Certification Council was formed for the following purpose:

- To improve the safety and quality of transplant care.
- To develop and maintain high standards of excellence by rigorous evaluation and accreditation of training programs.
- To establish professional standards through setting training benchmarks, examination, and certification of transplant surgeons.

### **Certification**

The Transplant Accreditation & Certification, LLC was founded by the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) in January 2017 to oversee the accreditation of fellowship training programs and implement a certification pathway for transplant surgeons. Below are the steps candidates will take to become Certified Abdominal Transplant Surgeons.

### **Eligibility**

This certification is for applicants whose primary surgical career is in Abdominal Transplant Surgery and completed an ASTS or TACC Accredited Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship Training Program from **January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2018**. Candidates must also have an active (non-expired) license to practice and, at a minimum must have performed at least one (1) abdominal transplant surgery or donor procurement operation in the last two (2) years.

This applicant must have maintained a current working knowledge of abdominal transplant surgery.

If you completed fellowship in 2019 or beyond, please refer to the [Fellowship Certification Pathway](#).

### **Certification Application**

Individuals who believe they meet the application eligibility requirements may apply for the Career Certification Pathway. There are two steps to the application process.

In step one, applicants will be required to submit:

- a completed application form,
- their \*ASTS/TACC Certificate of Completion or a Certificate of Completion from their ASTS accredited Fellowship Training Program,
- name and contact information of the peer you will have asked to complete the Career Certification Pathway Peer Validation Form, and
- a \$250 nonrefundable fee to determine eligibility.

\*Please contact TACC staff at [TACC@asts.org](mailto:TACC@asts.org) if you have any questions or concerns regarding your certificate of completion.

Once approved, candidates can move to the second step of the application. By the deadline,

- candidates will be required to submit a transcript from *the ASTS National Transplant Curriculum* confirming completion of 20 modules (non-ASTS members, please contact the staff directly at [TACC@asts.org](mailto:TACC@asts.org)). **Note: The TACC will consider modules completed in the last 5 years.**
- the Peer Validation Form must be completed by a Transplant Division Chief, Surgery Department Chair, or other senior peer the candidate has worked with over the past two years. Candidates will receive an email near the deadline if this has not been completed.
- and credit card information must be submitted for the \$500 certification fee. A hold for this amount will be placed on your credit card but will **not** be charged until the TACC has approved step 2 of your application.

Upon TACC approval, candidates will receive notice of their status and the \$500 fee will be collected. If step 2 of the application is not approved, the candidate will be notified and the \$500 will not be collected.

### **Certification**

Upon successful completion of all certification components, the Transplant Accreditation & Certification Council will approve the candidate to become a Certified Abdominal Transplant Surgeon. The candidate will receive a letter and certificate from the TACC. Certificants will be acknowledged at the next ASTS Winter Symposium. If the candidate fails to meet the requirements and is denied certification, an appeals process will be provided. The TACC reserves the right to make changes to the rules and procedures for its certification at any time and without prior notice. For questions about the application and certification process, please contact [TACC@asts.org](mailto:TACC@asts.org).

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