

# Transplant Accreditation & Certification Council (TACC) Career Recognition 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 a Diplomate of the Transplant Accreditation & Certification Council.

# Eligibility

For individuals who have served as a practicing Abdominal Transplant Surgeon in the US or Canada for the bulk of their career and completed their fellowship by December 31, 1997.

If you completed fellowship between January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2018, please refer to the <u>Career Certification Pathway</u>.

## **Certification Application**

Individuals who believe they meet the requirements for certification may submit a Career Recognition Certification application. Applicants will need to submit a personal narrative of their career in transplantation and a completed career validation form from a peer. There is a \$250 nonrefundable application fee.

### Certification

Candidates who successfully complete all requirements of the Career Recognition Certification Pathway will receive the designation of Certified Abdominal Transplant Surgeon and will be a Diplomate of the Transplant Accreditation & Certification Council. An awards recognition presentation will take place each year. 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.