

A CANDIDATE THAT HAS NOT COMPLETED AN APPROVED AMERICAN ACADEMY OF COSMETIC SURGERY FELLOWSHIP MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTIFICATION VIA A TWO-TIERED PROCESS:

**Tier 1: Pre-Application / Petition of Equivalency**

Applicant must furnish:

1. Initial certification by an approved board;
2. Recommendation letter from fellowship director attesting to training in the areas being sought for certification or, alternatively, a certificate of completion of fellowship obtained at time of completion of fellowship training identifying training in the area of certification sought;
3. Surgical operative logs during fellowship training;
  - Experiences must meet minimal guidelines for training fellowship as set forth in GUIDELINES FOR CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP TRAINING IN COSMETIC SURGERY by the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery; and
4. Initial non-refundable application fee in the amount of \$500.00.

Upon review by the ABCS Fellowship and Board Review Committee and affirmative majority vote of the Board of Trustees, candidates that meet these criteria will receive written notification of equivalency of training to that of an AACS approved fellowship program and will then be eligible to pursue ABCS certification via the Fellowship Route. Potential candidates that are denied equivalency of training by the Board of Trustees at its sole and absolute discretion will receive written notification.

**Tier 2: Standard Application Process**

The candidate will then be eligible to receive all directions and documentation of requirements of the ABCS examination application, and will be subject to all of the then current examination fees. The candidate will also be held to the same due process as those of approved AACS fellowship training. Candidates from non-AACS approved cosmetic surgery fellowships whose training is deemed equivalent to that of an AACS approved cosmetic surgery fellowship must submit a minimum of thirty (30) cosmetic surgery procedures as primary surgeon following completion of the fellowship program. Candidates shall submit the required operative reports with clearly labeled, publication quality, before and after photos to verify the completion of the case requirements. The operative reports must meet the standards set forth in the Application Booklet. The cosmetic surgery procedures must be in the area in which the applicant seeks certification and shall be of a sufficient mix to illustrate a depth and breadth of knowledge in the area of certification sought. Guidelines for the cosmetic surgical procedures acceptable to the credentialing committee shall be provided with the Candidate Application booklet furnished by the General Office.