

**ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education
in Radiation Oncology
Summary and Impact of Major Requirement Revisions**

Requirement #: Int.C.

Requirement Revision (significant change only):

The length of the educational program in radiation oncology must be 60 48 months, preceded by in-length 12 months of post-graduate clinical education. ^{(Core)*}

1. Describe the Review Committee's rationale for this revision: **The revision clarifies the total length of the educational program, which has been questioned during the time the Program Requirements have been in effect.**
2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality? **The revision provides clarity to program leadership in the development and refinement of the program in radiation oncology.**
3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care? **N/A**
4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how? **No**
5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs? **N/A**

Requirement #: I.B.5 and I.B.6

Requirement Revision (significant change only):

I.B.5. Integrated Participating sites

- I.B.5.a) ~~A site is considered integrated when t~~The program director must determines all rotations and assignments of residents, and is responsible for the overall conduct of the educational program and faculty members thereat each participating site. ^(Core)
- I.B.5.b) Clinical faculty members at ~~the each integrated participating site~~ should have faculty appointments from the Sponsoring Institution or the primary clinical site. ^(Detail)
- I.B.5.c) ~~Integrated Participating sites~~ must provide a means for direct participation in joint conferences, either in person by attendance when institutions are in geographic proximity to the primary clinical site, or by electronic ~~transmission means~~ when not. ^(DetailCore)
- I.B.5.d) Prior approval must be obtained from the Review Committee for ~~an integrated the addition of a participating site~~, regardless of the duration of rotation (s). ^(Core)

I.B.5.d).(1)	Rotations to integrated sites are not limited in duration. (Detail)
I.B.6.	Other Participating Sites Participating sites that do not meet the requirements for integrated sites must meet the following requirements:
I.B.6.a)	Participating sites that are not designated as integrated may be used to complement residents' educational experiences.
I.B.6.b)	Rotations which are outside the primary clinical site or integrated sites must not exceed a total of six months during the residency. (Core)
I.B.6.c)	Participating sites do not require prior Review Committee approval. There must be a Program Letter of Agreement for any site from which cases are entered into resident logs. (See Requirement I.B.1). (Detail)
<p>1. Describe the Review Committee's rationale for this revision: The ACGME is in the process of evaluating language related to the use of "sites" in the Program Requirements. In light of this consideration, and recognizing that most Review Committees that previously used the term "integrated sites" have eliminated this term from their requirements, the Review Committee for Radiation Oncology proposes deletion of the term.</p> <p>2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality? N/A</p> <p>3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care? N/A</p> <p>4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how? No</p> <p>5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs? N/A</p>	
Requirement #: IV.A.6.b.(2)	
Requirement Revision (significant change only):	
IV.A.6.b).(2)	<u>The remaining 12 months may be spent performing such activities as taking elective rotations, performing research, pursuing an advanced degree, or taking other clinical rotations.</u> (Core)
IV.A.6.b).(2).(a)	<u>This time must not be used to pursue a fellowship.</u> (Core)
IV.A.6.b).(2).(b)	<u>Previous time spent in another ACGME-accredited program must not be applied to reduce the</u>

required length of the residency in radiation oncology.^(Core)

1. Describe the Review Committee's rationale for this revision: **There has been significant concern and questions from program directors and residents with regard to the way in which the final 12 months of radiation oncology education may be structured, specifically whether the 12 months may be used to complete a fellowship program. The Review Committee and the American Board of Radiology agree that residents cannot simultaneously complete the radiation oncology residency and a fellowship for training completion or for certification purposes.**

In addition, the Review Committee and program directors regularly receive inquiries about how training and education outside of radiation oncology may be used to fulfill some of the requirements for completion of the residency. The Review Committee believes there is sufficient distinction between radiation oncology and other specialties that precludes their application toward fulfilling radiation oncology requirements.

2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality? **The additions provide clarity and explain how the time outside of the required 36 months of clinical radiation oncology may be spent, while still allowing flexibility for the program director and resident to select appropriate individualized activities for the 12 months.**

3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care? **N/A**

4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how? **No**

5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs? **N/A**

Requirement #: IV.A.6.d).(2)

Requirement Revision (significant change only):

~~A resident should treat no more than 250 patients with external beam radiation therapy in any one year.~~^(Detail)

1. Describe the Review Committee's rationale for this revision: **In reviewing the current requirements and data from programs, the Review Committee does not believe that this requirement is necessary, given the changes to Section VI of the Common Program Requirements.**

2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality? **Removing the limit will allow residents to self-manage their caseload.**

3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care? **N/A**

<p>4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how? No</p>				
<p>5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs? N/A</p>				
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<p>1. Describe the Review Committee's rationale for this revision: The change was made to provide clarity and to more accurately reflect the certification examinations provided by the American Board of Radiology, and to make it clear to programs that each individual component, as well as the examination process as a whole, is included in the requirement.</p> <p>2. How will the proposed requirement or revision improve resident/fellow education, patient safety, and/or patient care quality? This revision allows for better measurement of outcomes for individual programs as part of annual data review for accreditation.</p> <p>3. How will the proposed requirement or revision impact continuity of patient care? N/A</p> <p>4. Will the proposed requirement or revision necessitate additional institutional resources (e.g., facilities, organization of other services, addition of faculty members, financial support; volume and variety of patients), if so, how? No</p> <p>5. How will the proposed revision impact other accredited programs? N/A</p>				