

Requirements for the Fellowship Program of the Consortium of ACS Accredited Education Institutes

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS • DIVISION OF EDUCATION

ENHANCING PATIENT SAFETY THROUGH SIMULATION

- 1. In order to receive accreditation as a Fellowship Program of the Consortium of ACS Accredited Education Institutes, an institution must also be a fully accredited ACS-accredited Education Institute (AEI).
- 2. In order to receive full accreditation as an ACS-accredited Surgical Simulation Fellowship Program, an AEI must have at least one (1) Fellow during the Fellowship Program's three-year period of accreditation.
- 3. The Fellowship Program of the Consortium of ACS Accredited Education Institutes must adhere to the eligibility requirements as stated in the Standards and Criteria.
- 4. The AEI must submit an application by the stated deadline in order to be reviewed for consideration as a Fellowship Program of the Consortium of ACS Accredited Education Institutes.
- 5. The AEI will receive an invoice for \$500 billed annually in October. It is the expectation that fees will be paid in a timely manner.
- 6. A Fellow in an accredited Fellowship Program must be notified of selection into the program by January of the year that the Fellow is entering the program and must begin his/her fellowship in July of the same year. The AEI must notify ACS-AEI Program staff when a new Fellow officially starts his or her program.
- 7. The Fellowship Program of the Consortium of ACS Accredited Education Institutes accreditation term is for three (3) years. After three years the AEI must apply for reaccreditation.
- 8. If there is interest in splitting time between two or more ACS-AEI accredited Fellowship Programs, then the programs involved must come to an agreement, prior to the start date of the Fellow, stating which AEI will be the primary Program for the purposes of acknowledging where the Fellow will receive his/her certificate from, and which Fellowship Program can list that Fellow as one of its graduates.
- 9. All ACS-AEI Fellows must attend and present at the annual ACS Surgical Simulation Summit, as stated in the Standards & Criteria.
- 10. For the Fellow to receive an ACS-AEI certificate upon graduation (which is a requirement of the program), the Fellowship Director must submit a letter to the Director of the ACS Division of Education that confirms the Fellow fulfilled the requirements of the Fellowship. A letter template will be provided upon request. The letter should be sent at least a month prior to the date that the certificate is needed. From that point forward, graduated Fellows may refer to themselves as a *"Surgical Simulation Fellow of the ACS-AEI Consortium at the University of XYZ."*

<u>Disclaimer</u>

The American College of Surgeons views the Fellowship Program of the Consortium of ACS Accredited Education Institutes as educational in nature, and does not guarantee the performance of the Fellow, based on the individual's performance in the use of skills and/or knowledge obtained during the Fellowship Program at the ACS-accredited Education Institute.