

ASSET

Criterion for ASSET Instructor/Course Director

The Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET) Course is designed to teach rapid, anatomically based exposures for actual or suspected traumatic injuries using a fresh cadaver model. The following outlines the minimum requirements for becoming a qualified ASSET instructor and course director (CD):

Instructor Criterion:

1. Instructors must be surgeons with experience in trauma surgery (as evidenced by fellowship training and current or past practice). Surgeons who are currently in a trauma fellowship are also eligible to become instructors. Residents are not eligible to become ASSET instructors.
2. Instructors must be current ATLS[®] instructors or the equivalent.
3. Potential instructors must participate in (and successfully complete) an approved ASSET course as a student, and be identified as “instructor potential” by the course faculty/course director.
4. Participation in a course as a student may be waived if potential instructor has taught (and can document teaching) one of the following courses: Definitive Skills for Trauma Course (DSTC), Definitive Surgical Trauma Skills (DSTS), Emergency War Surgery Course, or a similar cadaver-based exposure course (with approval by the ACS Committee on Trauma (COT) Surgical Skills Subcommittee Chair)
5. Potential instructors must teach in an approved ASSET course as an “instructor candidate” within one year of being identified as “instructor potential,” under the supervision/mentorship of a qualified instructor/course director
6. Potential instructors are deemed successful by the monitoring instructor/CD through a formal evaluation process.
7. Instructors must teach a minimum of four courses in a four-year period to maintain instructor status

Course Director Requirements:

1. A course director must be a qualified ASSET instructor who has taught at least two courses
2. A potential course director will serve as course director candidate for a course in which an experienced CD will monitor/evaluate
3. Course directors assist in coordination of course/paperwork completion

4. Course directors must maintain the program goals and objectives and ensure adherence to the essential criteria identified for the ASSET course by the ACS COT