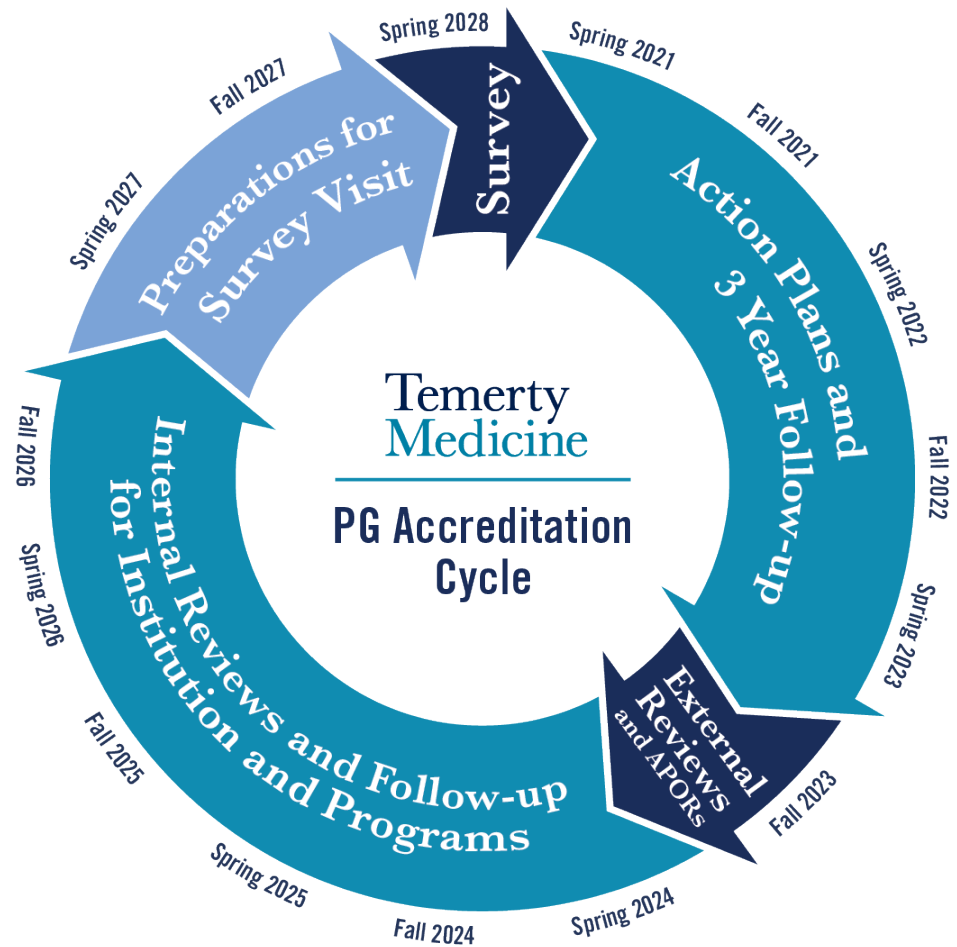


UPDATE: AREAS OF FOCUSED COMPETENCE (AFC)

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Areas of Focused Competence (AFC) Programs

AFCs are areas of specialty medicine that:

- address a legitimate societal and patient population need;
- are equivalent to one to two years of additional training in highly focused areas of practice that may otherwise be considered for recognition as a subspecialty.



Areas of Focused Competence Programs

at the University of Toronto

- Adult Cardiac Electrophysiology
- Adult Interventional Cardiology
- Transfusion Medicine
- Cytopathology
- Brachytherapy
- Trauma General Surgery
- Child Maltreatment Pediatrics
- Addictions Medicine
- Pediatric Urology
- Adolescent And Youth Adult Oncology
- Hyperbaric Medicine
- Solid Organ Transplantation*
- Acute Point-of-Care Ultrasonography*

***NEW**



Our Newly Accredited AFC Programs:

Acute Point-of-Care Ultrasonography (POCUS)

Program Director: Dr. Jordan Chenkin

Entry Routes: Royal College certification in any primary specialty providing management in the acute care setting, or College of Family Physicians of Canada certification, or equivalent.

Solid Organ Transplantation

Program Director: Dr. Cynthia Tsien

Entry Routes: Cardiac Surgery, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Hepatology, Infectious Diseases, Nephrology, Respiriology, Thoracic Surgery, or Urology



RCPSC Recognized AFC Disciplines

Adult Congenital Heart Disease	Adult Echocardiography	Adult Glomerular Diseases	Adult Hepatology	Adult Thrombosis Medicine	Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplantation
Aerospace Medicine	Antimicrobial Stewardship	Clinician Educator	Consultation Liaison Psychiatry	Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy	Neonatal Neurocritical Care
Neuro-Intervention	Neuromuscular Medicine	Patient Safety and Quality Improvement	Pediatric Anesthesia	Pediatric and Perinatal Pathology	Prehospital and Transport Medicine
Retina	Sleep Disorder Medicine	Spine Surgery	Sport and Exercise Medicine	Neonatal Hemodynamics and Targeted Neonatal Echocardiography	Transfusion Medicine



Applying for New AFCs at the University of Toronto

Application instructions, fees, and further information are available on the PGME Website [here](#).

For information on applying for **discipline recognition at the national level**, please see additional information on the Royal College website available [here](#).

For more information, please contact us at pgmecoordinator@utoronto.ca.



2023 Application Deadlines

New AFC
Applications
for **nationally
recognized
disciplines** are
due to the
Royal College:

- May 31, 2023
- October 15, 2023
- January 31, 2024



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