**Update on Royal College Areas of Focused Competence (Diploma) Programs**

| **AFC (Diploma) Program** | **Primary Specialty** | **Application Sponsor: National Body / Specialty Society** | **Status of Consultation Process** | **Implementation [[1]](#footnote-1)** |
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| **1. Transfusion Medicine** | * Internal Medicine * Hematology * Pediatrics * Pediatric Hematology / Oncology * Hematological Pathology * General Pathology * Anesthesiology |  | * Bypassed national consultation process because this formerly AWC specialty chose the diploma route * Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Spring 2011 | * Royal College website(“Information by Specialty or Subspecialty”) now includes: * Standards of Accreditation for AFC * Competency Training Requirements \* * Competency Portfolio for Educators \* * Competency Portfolio for Candidates \*   *\* Applies to those who begin training on or after July 1, 2012* |
| **2. Sport and Exercise Medicine** | * Paediatrics * Emergency Medicine * Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation * Orthopaedic Surgery * Rheumatology * Internal Medicine | * Canadian Academy of Sports and Exercise Medicine | * Approved by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II in Fall 2011 after national consultation (August – October 2011) * Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Fall 2011, with the proviso that the Competency Training Requirements (CTR) and portfolio be streamlined to be more competency-based (rather than time-based) and the documents go through the relevant Education standing committees * Portfolio development workshop in Spring 2012 | * Accreditation, credentialing and evaluation standards will be posted on the Royal College website once the specialty specific documents have been finalized and approved. |
| **3. Adult Cardiac Electrophysiology** | * Cardiology | * Canadian Cardiovascular Society * Canadian Heart Rhythm Society | * Approved by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II in Fall 2011 after national consultation (September – October 2011) * Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Fall 2011, with the proviso that the Competency Training Requirements (CTR) and portfolio be streamlined to be more competency-based (rather than time-based) and the documents go through the relevant Education standing committees | * Royal College website(“Information by Specialty or Subspecialty”) now includes: * Application for accreditation * Standards of Accreditation for AFC * Competency Training Requirements \* * Competency Portfolio for Educators \* * Competency Portfolio for Candidates \*   *\* Applies to those who begin training on or after July 1, 2012* |
| **4. Interventional Cardiology** | * Cardiology * Cardiac Surgery | * Canadian Cardiovascular Society * Canadian Association of Interventional Cardiology | * Approved by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II in Fall 2011 after national consultation (September – October 2011) * Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Fall 2011 | * Royal College website(“Information by Specialty or Subspecialty”) now includes: * Standards of Accreditation for AFC * Competency Training Requirements \* * Competency Portfolio for Educators \* * Competency Portfolio for Candidates \* * Application for accreditation to be posted on website by mid-October 2012   *\* Applies to those who begin training on or after July 1, 2012* |
| **5. Adult Echocardiography** | * Cardiology * Anesthesiology * Internal Medicine * Diagnostic Radiology * Cardiac Surgery * Critical Care Medicine | * Canadian Cardiovascular Society * Canadian Association of Interventional Cardiology | * Approved by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II in Spring 2012 after national consultation (September – October 2011) * Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Spring 2012 | * The earliest that standards may be formally enacted would be July 1, 2013 * Accreditation, credentialing and evaluation standards will be posted on the Royal College website once the specialty specific documents have been finalized and approved. |
| **6. Cytopathology** | * General Pathology * Anatomical Pathology | * Canadian Society of Cytopathology * Canadian Association of Pathologists | * Approved by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II in Spring 2012 after national consultation (December 2011 – February 2012) * Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Spring 2012 | * The earliest that standards may be formally enacted would be July 1, 2013 * Accreditation, credentialing and evaluation standards will be posted on the Royal College website once the specialty specific documents have been finalized and approved. |
| **7. Child and Youth Maltreatment** | * Paediatrics | * Canadian Paediatric Society | * National consultation (December 2011 – February 2012) * UofT collective response returned to Royal College February 10, 2012 | * Part II consideration by Committee On Specialties (COS) deferred to Fall 2012, pending clarifications regarding potential entry from/collaboration with Child and Adolescent Psychiatry |
| **8. Clinician Educator** | * n/a (Any MD) | * Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada | * Approved by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II in Spring 2012 after national consultation (December 2011 – February 2012) * Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Spring 2012 | * The entry criteria for applicants will be finalized at the first meeting of the CE Diploma Committee in Fall 2012 * In Fall 2012 there will be a call for proposal to become a CE Centre * Mid-2013 is the anticipated enrollment date for the initial cohort of Clinician Educator Diploma (CE-d) candidates |
| **9. Trauma Surgery** | * General Surgery | * Trauma Association of Canada * Canadian Association of General Surgeons | * National consultation (May 2012 – June 2012) * UofT collective response returned to Royal College June 29, 2012 | * Review / approval by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II pending |
| **10. Aerospace Medicine** | * None, but with typical entry from Internal Medicine, Public Health and Preventive Medicine or CFPC certification | * Royal Canadian Air Force Institute of Aviation | * National consultation (May 2012 – June 2012) * UofT collective response returned to Royal College June 29, 2012 | * Review / approval by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II pending |

1. *There are three main phases in the implementation process (each of which involve multiple steps):*

   *Finalizing specialty specific documents which outline the standards that trainees must achieve and how they will be assessed in order to become a diplomate*

   *Accreditation – establishing standards for programs*

   *Credentials – establishing criteria for those already in practice who wish to be certified* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)