

**Frequently Asked Questions for Advanced Specialty Requirements: Emergency Medicine
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Review Committee-International
ACGME International (ACGME-I)**

Question	Answer
Program Personnel and Resources	
How is the required staffing ratio of 4.0 patients per faculty hour or less calculated? <i>Advanced Specialty Requirement: II.B.1.</i>	The formula for calculating the faculty staffing ratio is the total number of patients divided by the number of hours, divided by four. Example: The emergency department census is 100,000 patients per year divided by 365 days, so 274 patients per 24-hour day. If every attending saw four patients per hour, a program would require 69 hours of faculty member coverage. If faculty members worked eight-hour shifts, this would mean 8.5 shifts per day, or three faculty members for the 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. shift; four faculty members for the 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift; and two faculty members for the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift.
Resident Appointment	
Will a citation result if a program has fewer than four residents per year due to resident leave of absence, military service, off-cycle residents, etc.? <i>Advanced Specialty Requirement: III.B.1</i>	No. The Review Committee-International understands that circumstances occur resulting in fewer than four residents per year in a program. If the program admits at least four residents each year, a citation will not result.
Specialty-Specific Educational Program	
What clinical settings can be used to provide clinical experiences in critical care of infants and children? <i>Advanced Specialty Requirement: II.D.6.</i>	These experiences can occur in the emergency department, pediatric intensive care unit, or neonatal intensive care unit.