



ACGME-I
INTERNATIONAL ADVANCED SPECIALTY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR A NEWLY ACCREDITED SUBSPECIALTY

Advanced Specialty Requirements for: **Hospice and Palliative Medicine**
 Proposed Effective Date: **01 August 2022**

Comments are currently being solicited on Advanced Specialty Program Requirements for a newly accredited subspecialty. To aid those providing comment, the following table summarizes and provides a rationale for the unique elements of these new requirements.

The comments provided are used to determine the final version of the Program Requirements, which will be posted on the ACGME-I website.

Requirement Number	Line Number	Rationale
Associated Residency Programs, Requirement I.A.1.	34-39	Hospice and palliative medicine is a multidisciplinary subspecialty that can be associated with several specialty programs. A fellowship in hospice and palliative medicine must be associated with a residency program from the list of specialties in the requirement. The affiliation is intended to be an educational collaboration between the residency and fellowship programs. Examples of educational collaboration include sharing faculty members and didactic sessions, and having fellows provide education and supervision to residents in hospice and palliative medicine.
Faculty Qualifications, Requirement II.B.3.	71-102	The requirement for other faculty members is tailored to fit the needs of hospice and palliative medicine practice. This is intended to relieve the burden of requiring non-essential faculty members, and clearly identifies which specialists are essential to the education of fellows. Having faculty members from related disciplines should enhance fellow education, patient safety, and patient care quality by providing interdisciplinary education and care.
Inpatient Experience, Requirement IV.C.1.	269-271	The intent of the requirement for inpatient experience is for fellows to care for patients by working in an inpatient unit or by participating on a consultation team on such a unit, or both. The inpatient experience should be in a setting where there is a full range of medical services for acute

		<p>care.</p> <p>For the purposes of calculation, 100 hours is equivalent to one month.</p>
Ambulatory Experience, Requirement IV.C.3.	288-296	<p>The intent of the ambulatory care experience is to provide fellows with the opportunity to see ambulatory patients at stages of illness that are vastly different from those seen in the home hospice or acute care setting. A variety of outpatient settings can be used to meet this requirement, such as palliative medicine clinic, outpatient oncology, pain clinic, or outpatient radiotherapy. The experience should occur over at least six months of the program but can be split to occur during a portion of a week, for half-day sessions or some other schedule that allows for a longitudinal experience.</p>
Frequency of Rotation Transitions, Requirement IV.C.6.	308-312	<p>While an appropriate rotation length will vary based on the setting and the patient population, rotations must be of sufficient length to support fellows' longitudinal care of their patients. The rotation length must also be sufficient to allow for meaningful care and to provide fellows with clinical experience delivering palliative medical care across settings.</p>