



## **ACAM Fellowship Pathway III: ACAM Fellowship by Practice Based Assessment (PBA) Pathway**

### **Eligibility for ACAM Practice Based Assessment Pathway**

To be eligible for enrolment within PBA, a candidate must meet the following criteria:

#### **Practical Experience**

- Have a minimum of three years cosmetic/aesthetic medicine experience (or its part-time equivalent *pro-rata*);
- At least one year of which aesthetic medicine experience gained within Australia;
- Be inactive aesthetic medicine within Australia.

#### **ACAM membership requirements**

- Be a current financial Member of ACAM before enrolment, for the duration and after ACAM Fellowship by Academic Pathway and up until the award of Fellowship. To join ACAM <https://acam.360membership.com.au/onlineapplication/index.html?v2>
- Complete the academic curriculum set for this pathway, meeting the minimum pass mark for each section and uploading completion documentation as evidence of completion;
- Have completed a basic BLS/ALS course, valid within the 36 months of the opening date of enrolments, and have a valid certificate at the time of completion of the pathway;
- Demonstrated adequate medical indemnity insurance for the procedures, they are undertaking;
- Demonstrated continuing education in aesthetic medicine;

#### **Medical Board requirements**

Have current medical registration with Medical Board Australia with good standing.

#### **ACAM Fellowship by Practice Based Assessment (PBA) Pathway**

This scheme encompasses several domains: academic knowledge, interview technique and patient management; ethical, legal and regulatory frameworks and communication

considerations; knowledge of established guidelines (MBA, ACAM guidelines etc.), practice visits and assessment and completed logbook (as per guidelines).

It is not unreasonable to expect a fellow to have a broad understanding of most procedures and medicines used in aesthetic medicine, even if they do not offer those particular procedures to patients routinely. In addition, it would not be unexpected that fellows are aware of Australian guidelines and regulatory framework that shapes aesthetic medicine and the PI of the medicine used in aesthetic medicine.

The PBA candidate should have knowledge and skills encompassing:

- The legal and ethical framework of their practice;
- Academic knowledge (courses as nominated by Censor in Chief);
- Pharmacological knowledge, PI and TGA regulations, delegated injectors and adverse event management;
- Consents, professional boundaries, Medical Board Guidelines;<sup>1</sup>
- Practical procedural skills (as a demonstration in Log Book).

The candidate should be an asset to the organisation in all areas of their practice and understand that fellows are ambassadors for ACAM. They must reflect a standard of academic, practical, and ethical achievement.

## **Academic Knowledge**

Upon completion of the above criteria, the candidate must pass the Online ACAM Fellowship Examination:<sup>2</sup>

Topics the candidate should be conversant with include:

- *Pharmacology* (as pertains to peels, toxin, fillers and local anaesthetics)  
Infection control, recognition and management of sub-optimal outcomes (i.e. arterial occlusions, how to manage etc.);
- *Facial anatomy and physiology* (i.e. skin and skin rejuvenation);
- *Laser and light technology*;
- *Regulations and PI* (TGA regulations, PI, delegated injector and other medical board guidelines), Medical Board Advertising Guidelines;
- *Informed consent, communication skills* (professional boundaries, legal age of consent and consent in aesthetic medicine).

## **Completion of Procedural Logbook**

Completion of Procedural Log book to the guidelines and submitted via the member's portal for review by the Censor in Chief.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> <https://eskilld.com.au/>

## Other criteria to be met

- Successful completion of a VIVA Examination;
- Completion of a BLS/ALS course (and be current at completion of pathway)\*;
- Completion of a COVID-19 Infection control course (*no charge*)\*;<sup>3</sup>
- Completion of an infection control course (*no charge*)\*;<sup>4</sup>
- Completion ACAM Laser User- Core of Knowledge- Laser Physics and Safety Course \*;
- Two medical references.

\*These activities attract accredited CPD points with ACAM, RACGP and ACRRM.

## Practice Visit

Where practical a practice visit will be conducted for each candidate assessing their work (environmental) setting, including but not limited to: assessment/storage of scheduled medications, fridge monitoring protocols, resuscitation equipment and infection control protocols.

Safety should be a foundation standard therefore is suggested that the candidate fellow have the minimum life support education and resuscitation equipment in their premises, in addition they should have gained their infection control and COVID education (*both free access*). All of which are demonstrating a safety aware practitioner and best practice.

## Notes

*This pathway is not offered to those medical practitioners who are not resident in Australia.*

*Timeline for completion 2 years (after enrolment accepted).*

## Rules and regulations

Consult the Rules and Regulations for further information.

## Comparison Chart

Unsure which program is for you? Consult our comparison chart.

For further information concerning membership enrolment process please contact Ms Purich [secretary@acam.org.au](mailto:secretary@acam.org.au)

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training>;

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/our-work/infection-prevention-and-control/infection-prevention-and-control-elearning-modules>