



THE COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF HONG KONG

MANDATORY COURSES

FOR HIGHER SURGICAL TRAINEE

Higher Surgical Trainees (HSTs) in **ALL** specialties **admitted from 1 July 2011 onwards** are mandatorily required to attend the course and passed the required course requirements during their higher surgical training.

Research Training Workshop

- Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in all specialties of the College



HSTs **admitted from 1 July 2010 onwards** are mandatorily required to attend the following courses during their higher surgical training in the respective specialty.

CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY

Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS)

- Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Cardiothoracic Surgery

GENERAL SURGERY BOARD

1. Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS)

- Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in General Surgery

2. Basic Laparoscopic Surgery Course

- Must complete within the first 2 years of higher surgical training.
- Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in General Surgery

3. Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery Course

- Pre-requisites: Basic Laparoscopic Surgery Course
- Must complete within the 3rd & 4th year of higher surgical training.
- Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in General Surgery

4. Clinical Proctorship Programmes for Basic and Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery

- Pre-requisites: Basic & Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery Course
- Certificates of Competency in performing Basic & Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery will be **awarded upon satisfactory completion** of these Clinical Proctorship Programmes*. The Certificates of Competency is one of the eligibility criteria for application for Fellowship of the College.

* The Coordinating Committee in Surgery of Hospital Authority will call for the list of qualified HSTs for the issuance of the Certificates of Competency twice per year. Deadline for submission is normally at mid-May and mid-November.

PAEDIATRIC SURGERY BOARD

1. **Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS)**
2. **Paediatric Advanced Life Support Course**

- Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Paediatric Surgery

PLASTIC SURGERY BOARD

1. **Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS)**
 - Must complete the course run by the American College of Surgeons (ACS)
 - Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Specialty Fellowship Examination in Plastic Surgery
2. **Advanced Burns Life Support Course or Emergency Management of Severe Burns**
 - Must complete the course run by the American Burn Association and the Australian & New Zealand Burn Association respectively
 - Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Specialty Fellowship Examination in Plastic Surgery
3. **Microsurgery Skills Workshop**
 - Must complete courses using live model with total course hours over 20, preferably with competency assessments after the course
 - Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Specialty Fellowship Examination in Plastic Surgery
4. **AO Basic Maxillofacial Course**
 - Must complete courses on the principles of maxillofacial fracture treatment lasting not less than 3 full days of teaching with practical sessions
 - Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Specialty Fellowship Examination in Plastic Surgery

NEUROSURGERY BOARD

1. **Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS)**
 - Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Neurosurgery

UROLOGY BOARD

1. **Advanced Trauma Life Support Course (ATLS) – for HSTs admitted from 1 July 2016 onwards**
 - Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Urology
2. **Basic Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Urology Course**
 - Must complete within the first 2 years of higher surgical training
 - Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Urology
3. **Advanced Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Urology Course**
 - Pre-requisites: Basic Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Urology Course
 - Must complete within the 3rd & 4th year of higher surgical training.
 - Completion of the above is one of the eligibility criteria for enrolment to Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination in Urology

4. **Clinical Proctorship Programme for Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Urological Skills**

- Pre-requisites: Basic and Advanced Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Urology Course
- Certificate of Competency in Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Urological Skills will be **awarded upon satisfactory completion** of this Clinical Proctorship Programme#. The Certificate of Competency is one of the eligibility criteria for application for Fellowship of the College.

#The Coordinating Committee in Surgery of Hospital Authority will call for the list of qualified HSTs for the issuance of the Certificate of Competency twice per year. Deadline for submission is normally at mid-April and mid-October.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Trainees are required to submit the Official **Certificates** of the above courses (except for Clinical Proctorship Programmes) to the College as evidence for completion when they apply for the Joint Specialty Fellowship Examination /Specialty Fellowship Examination (for Plastic Surgery only).