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Intercollegiate Board for Training in Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine

Guidance note

Acute Internal Medicine requirements for Trainees wishing to apply for PHEM subspecialty training

Applicants from the base specialties of Emergency Medicine, Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine have been eligible to apply for Pre-hospital Emergency Medicine (PHEM) subspecialty training since 2014.

The PHEM subspecialty training eligibility criteria can be found on the Health Education England EoE website and is detailed in the syllabus and curriculum guide: https://heeoe.hee.nhs.uk/

Part of the eligibility requirements is the completion of six months' clinical experience at core training level in each of the following specialties: Emergency Medicine, Anaesthesia, Acute Internal Medicine and Intensive Care Medicine.

Trainees who have completed Acute Care Common Stem (ACCS) training would normally meet these requirements*, provided they have completed the relevant clinical placements. Trainees who have not completed ACCS training should liaise with their Deanery to identify any outstanding requirements and agree arrangements to obtain the necessary clinical experience.

Depending on the base specialty training programme, some clinical placements may count towards both the requirements of the base specialty curriculum and the clinical experience required for PHEM eligibility. However, this depends on the specialty in which the experience was gained.

For example, trainees undertaking Stage 1 training in Intensive Care Medicine are required to complete 12 months of medical training. If this comprises six months in Emergency Medicine and six months in Acute Internal Medicine, these placements would satisfy the corresponding PHEM eligibility requirements. However, time spent in other Group 1 medical specialties, such as renal medicine, would not satisfy these specific requirements.

Trainees should confirm that their training history meets the PHEM eligibility criteria with their local PHEM training program director (Training Programme Directors (TPD's) - The Intercollegiate Board for Training in Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine | IBTPHEM) or with IBTPHEM recruitment lead at ibtphem@rcsed.ac.uk if there is any doubt. Following this they should liaise with their base specialty training program director and Deanery to seek advice from their regarding any outstanding requirements

*the exception would be a program that did not offer six months in each of the specialties.

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