**Update on Royal College Areas of Focused Competence (Diploma) Programs**

| **AFC (Diploma) Program** | **Primary Specialty** | **Application Sponsor: National Body / Specialty Society** | **Status of Consultation Process** | **Implementation [[1]](#footnote-1)** |
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| **1. Transfusion Medicine**  | * Internal Medicine
* Hematology
* Pediatrics
* Pediatric Hematology / Oncology
* Hematological Pathology
* General Pathology
* Anesthesiology
 |  | * Bypassed national consultation process because this formerly AWC specialty chose the diploma route
* Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Spring 2011
 | * Royal College website(“Information by Specialty or Subspecialty”) now includes:
* Standards of Accreditation for AFC
* Competency Training Requirements \*
* Competency Portfolio for Educators \*
* Competency Portfolio for Candidates \*

*\* Applies to those who begin training on or after July 1, 2012* |
| **2. Sport and Exercise Medicine** | * Paediatrics
* Emergency Medicine
* Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
* Orthopaedic Surgery
* Rheumatology
* Internal Medicine
 | * Canadian Academy of Sports and Exercise Medicine
 | * Approved by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II in Fall 2011 after national consultation (August – October 2011)
* Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Fall 2011, with the proviso that the Competency Training Requirements (CTR) and portfolio be streamlined to be more competency-based (rather than time-based) and the documents go through the relevant Education standing committees
* Portfolio development workshop in Spring 2012
 | * Accreditation, credentialing and evaluation standards will be posted on the Royal College website once the specialty specific documents have been finalized and approved.
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| **3. Adult Cardiac Electrophysiology** | * Cardiology
 | * Canadian Cardiovascular Society
* Canadian Heart Rhythm Society
 | * Approved by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II in Fall 2011 after national consultation (September – October 2011)
* Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Fall 2011, with the proviso that the Competency Training Requirements (CTR) and portfolio be streamlined to be more competency-based (rather than time-based) and the documents go through the relevant Education standing committees
 | * Royal College website(“Information by Specialty or Subspecialty”) now includes:
* Application for accreditation
* Standards of Accreditation for AFC
* Competency Training Requirements \*
* Competency Portfolio for Educators \*
* Competency Portfolio for Candidates \*

*\* Applies to those who begin training on or after July 1, 2012* |
| **4. Interventional Cardiology**  | * Cardiology
* Cardiac Surgery
 | * Canadian Cardiovascular Society
* Canadian Association of Interventional Cardiology
 | * Approved by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II in Fall 2011 after national consultation (September – October 2011)
* Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Fall 2011
 | * Royal College website(“Information by Specialty or Subspecialty”) now includes:
* Standards of Accreditation for AFC
* Competency Training Requirements \*
* Competency Portfolio for Educators \*
* Competency Portfolio for Candidates \*
* Application for accreditation to be posted on website by mid-October 2012

*\* Applies to those who begin training on or after July 1, 2012* |
| **5. Adult Echocardiography** | * Cardiology
* Anesthesiology
* Internal Medicine
* Diagnostic Radiology
* Cardiac Surgery
* Critical Care Medicine
 | * Canadian Cardiovascular Society
* Canadian Association of Interventional Cardiology
 | * Approved by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II in Spring 2012 after national consultation (September – October 2011)
* Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Spring 2012
 | * The earliest that standards may be formally enacted would be July 1, 2013
* Accreditation, credentialing and evaluation standards will be posted on the Royal College website once the specialty specific documents have been finalized and approved.
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| **6. Cytopathology** | * General Pathology
* Anatomical Pathology
 | * Canadian Society of Cytopathology
* Canadian Association of Pathologists
 | * Approved by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II in Spring 2012 after national consultation (December 2011 – February 2012)
* Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Spring 2012
 | * The earliest that standards may be formally enacted would be July 1, 2013
* Accreditation, credentialing and evaluation standards will be posted on the Royal College website once the specialty specific documents have been finalized and approved.
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| **7. Child and Youth Maltreatment** | * Paediatrics
 | * Canadian Paediatric Society
 | * National consultation (December 2011 – February 2012)
* UofT collective response returned to Royal College February 10, 2012
 | * Part II consideration by Committee On Specialties (COS) deferred to Fall 2012, pending clarifications regarding potential entry from/collaboration with Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
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| **8. Clinician Educator** | * n/a (Any MD)
 | * Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
 | * Approved by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II in Spring 2012 after national consultation (December 2011 – February 2012)
* Approved by Education Committee (EdC) Spring 2012
 | * The entry criteria for applicants will be finalized at the first meeting of the CE Diploma Committee in Fall 2012
* In Fall 2012 there will be a call for proposal to become a CE Centre
* Mid-2013 is the anticipated enrollment date for the initial cohort of Clinician Educator Diploma (CE-d) candidates
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| **9. Trauma Surgery** | * General Surgery
 | * Trauma Association of Canada
* Canadian Association of General Surgeons
 | * National consultation (May 2012 – June 2012)
* UofT collective response returned to Royal College June 29, 2012
 | * Review / approval by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II pending
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| **10. Aerospace Medicine** | * None, but with typical entry from Internal Medicine, Public Health and Preventive Medicine or CFPC certification
 | * Royal Canadian Air Force Institute of Aviation
 | * National consultation (May 2012 – June 2012)
* UofT collective response returned to Royal College June 29, 2012
 | * Review / approval by Committee On Specialties (COS) Part II pending
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1. *There are three main phases in the implementation process (each of which involve multiple steps):*

*Finalizing specialty specific documents which outline the standards that trainees must achieve and how they will be assessed in order to become a diplomate*

*Accreditation – establishing standards for programs*

*Credentials – establishing criteria for those already in practice who wish to be certified* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)