



# The Australasian College of Cosmetic Surgery

*Raising Standards, Protecting Patients*

## **ACCS Advanced Surgical Training Programme Entry Criteria:**

### **Applicants may gain entry through one of the following categories:**

- (1) Completion of a suitable level of basic surgical training (see definition below).
- (2) Hold an FRACS or equivalent surgical qualification as determined by ACCS.
- (3) A specialist Dermatologist with suitable surgical experience as reviewed by the Board of Censors.
- (4) Others by special consideration at the discretion of the board of censors in exceptional circumstances.

### **Definition of Basic surgical training**

Items 1 - 4 must be satisfied.

#### **(1) Surgical experience**

Five years post graduate with completion of the FRACS (or equivalent as determined by the ACCS) basic surgical training programme or five years post graduate with three years of predominately surgical training including one year at the registrar level or equivalent in either surgery or Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

#### **(2) Completion of basic surgical science requirements.**

The candidate must have passed the ACCS basic surgical science examination. Alternatively, the candidate must have passed the FRACS part I written exam or equivalent such as the MRCS. To be considered for equivalency an examination must include, as a minimum, anatomy, physiology and pathology components.

#### **(3) Provision of log books**

All candidates will be required to submit their personal log books to the Board of Censors for review. The log book must be accepted by the Board of Censors and Surgical Dean as satisfactory prior to the candidate being granted an interview.

The information in these log books should contain the following information; the date, consultant, operation, level of operating (ie. from assistant to operating in theatre independently with no consultant present) and the outcome of the case.

#### **(4) Attainment of advanced life support skills.**

The candidate must have satisfactorily completed and Emergency Management of Surgical Trauma or Advanced Life Support course or equivalent as determined by the College.

**All candidates must supply the following prior to entry into the advanced training programme.**

- (1) Provision of contact details for three surgical referees for references.
- (2) A letter of good standing from an Australian medical board.
- (3) A current and appropriate medical indemnity policy certificate.