



## **Certification Services Department MP Structured Mentorship Policy**

### **Policy:**

The American Board of Radiology (ABR) provides an Alternate Pathway to medical physicists trained in foreign countries.<sup>1</sup>

### **Procedure:**

#### **STRUCTURED MENTORSHIP**

This program is available only to medical physicists who are qualified<sup>2</sup> to practice medical physics in their country of origin and who have had at least one year of clinical employment.

Medical physicists who wish to enter the program will need to demonstrate that:

- ✓ they are qualified to practice medical physics in their country of origin, and
- ✓ they are able to enter into an arrangement with a facility and a supervisor who will guide them and provide a location for their clinical training.

#### **General Requirements:**

1. Be employed as a medical physicist in the United States of America at the time of application. The individual does not need to be employed during the mentorship.
2. Complete a Structured Mentorship Program application form and submit it to the ABR. The application must include the candidate statement, along with the sponsoring department agreement and training plan\* from the sponsoring facility, which is signed by both the candidate and the supervisor<sup>3</sup>.
3. Submit a one-time nonrefundable administrative fee, due with the application. See <https://www.theabr.org/medical-physics/initial-certification/international-medical-graduates/international-medical-graduates-fees> for the current fees.
4. Demonstrate that the candidate's education is at least equivalent to the requirements for an MS degree in medical physics from a CAMPEP-accredited program.
5. Demonstrate at least one year of employment as a qualified medical physicist in the candidate's country of origin or training.
6. Show credentials as a medical physicist in the candidate's country of initial training.
7. The sponsoring department must be at an institution that has a CAMPEP-accredited residency program. The supervising medical physicist at the sponsoring department must be a diplomate of the ABR. The program must include a minimum of three years.

**\*Rotations:** The Structured Mentorship should be divided into a number of structured rotations.

Clinical facilities must meet specific equipment and capabilities requirements. **Specific requirements are located at <https://www.theabr.org/medical-physics/initial-certification/international-medical-graduates>.**

<sup>1</sup>Excluding the United States and its possessions and territories, as well as Canada.

<sup>2</sup>The ABR will evaluate the qualifications of candidates for the Structured Mentorship Program.

<sup>3</sup>Role of supervisor: The certified medical physicist designated as the supervisor of clinical training must interact with the candidate (trainee) on a regular basis. Although same-location supervision is preferable, electronic means of review for candidates at a distance are acceptable to supplement face-to-face interactions. Through these interactions the supervisor must:

- ✓ review the professional activity/output of the candidate;
- ✓ become thoroughly familiar with the professional quality of the candidate's work;
- ✓ provide input and guidance on professional activities;
- ✓ determine the candidate's capability of working independently in the designated field of medical physics;
- ✓ be willing to provide a statement to the ABR attesting to the above and to certify, at the end of the training period, that the candidate is capable of working independently in the designated field of medical physics.

Please note: This policy is subject to amendment from time to time. Candidates and diplomates are advised to check the ABR website periodically for the most current version.