



Transplant Accreditation & Certification Council (TACC) Extended Leave During Transplant Surgery Fellowship Guidance

The Transplant Accreditation and Certification Council (TACC) is aware that unforeseen or extenuating circumstances might occur during a fellow's training which requires a leave of absence. A fellow who requires leave may still achieve a TACC Certificate of Completion if the following criteria are met:

- 1) Fellow must complete a minimum 18 months of in-person clinical training in the 24-month fellowship program. If a leave requires extending the fellowship beyond 2 years, these cases will be considered by the TACC on a case by case basis.
 - *The other 6 months may include clinical training, research, public health, or other educational endeavors associated with transplantation.
- 2) Fellow must meet or exceed minimum case volume requirements.
- 3) The requirement remains that the Fellow must achieve clinical and technical competency as determined by and attested to by their Fellowship Program Director. This attestation, along with the fellow's case logs, will be reviewed by the TACC prior to the fellow being provided their Certificate of Completion.

The duration of leave permitted is at the discretion of the individual program. Program Directors are encouraged to align leave policies with that of their institution/GME office/human resources.

A comprehensive description of TACC Fellowship Training and Certification Requirements may be reviewed on the ASTS website (https://www.asts.org/docs/default-source/fellowship-training/asts-fellow-requirements.pdf?sfvrsn=cdb42189_43).