Residents complete the Surgical Specialty and Surgical Foundations training simultaneously.

**Surgical Specialty**

Your Surgical Specialty Competence Committee monitors progress of the Surgical Specialty’s EPAs and recommends promotion to next stage of the Competence Continuum.

**Surgical Foundations**

The Surgical Foundations Competence Committee monitors progress of the Surgical Foundations EPAs and recommends promotion to next stage of the Competence Continuum.

The Surgical Foundations EPAs must be completed to enter the Core of Discipline stage of training in the Surgical Specialty.

A resident may be eligible to write the Surgical Foundations exam 12-15 months into residency; eligibility for the exam does not require that the Surgical Foundations EPAs are complete.

The Surgical Foundations exam does not have to be successfully passed to enter the Core of Discipline stage of training, but must be passed in order to be eligible for the Surgical Specialty examination.