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These training requirements apply to those who begin training on or after July 1st, 2011.

MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

PATHWAY 1

Five (5) years of approved residency training. The five years must include:

1. One (1) year of broad-based clinical training, which must include:
 - 1.1. Six (6) blocks of clinical neuroscience, including a mix of adult Neurology, Neurosurgery, Neuroradiology, and/or pediatric Neurology at the discretion of the program director
 - 1.2. Six (6) blocks of clinical rotations approved by the program director; at the discretion of the program director and the credentials committee, other previous clinical training may be accepted
2. One (1) year of approved residency training in Anatomical Pathology, including experience in surgical pathology, cytology, and autopsy pathology
3. A minimum of two (2) years of approved residency training in Neuropathology, which must include:
 - 3.1. A minimum of three (3) blocks or equivalent longitudinal experience in pediatric Neuropathology
 - 3.2. A minimum of two (2) blocks or equivalent longitudinal experience in forensic (medico-legal) pathology, which may be included in the anatomical pathology autopsy period
 - 3.3. A minimum of two (2) blocks or equivalent longitudinal experience in muscle and nerve neuropathology
4. One (1) year of clinical or experimental science elective(s) relevant to neuropathology as approved by the Neuropathology program director

PATHWAY 2

For individuals who have fulfilled the Royal College requirements of training for Anatomical Pathology or General Pathology, two (2) years of training in Neuropathology as described above in Pathway 1 section 3 is the minimal requirement of training to become eligible for the Neuropathology examination.

NOTES:

For the purposes of this document, a block of training is equivalent to four (4) weeks of training.

The purpose of this training is to give the resident a degree of independent responsibility for clinical decisions, an opportunity for further development of the skills required in making effective relationships with patients, the consolidation of competence in primary clinical and technical skills across a broad range of medical practice, and an understanding of the nature of the relationships between a referring physician and the consultant Neuropathologist.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

Royal College certification in Neuropathology requires all of the following:

1. Successful completion of a Royal College-accredited program in Neuropathology;
2. Completion of a scholarly research, quality assurance, or educational project relevant to neuropathology; and
3. Successful completion of the certification examination in Neuropathology.

The program outlined above is to be regarded as the minimum training requirement. Additional training may be required by the program director to ensure that clinical competence has been achieved.

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