



## **Thoracic Surgery Integrated Residency Criteria for Application Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery**

Institutions applying for an integrated program format must address the criteria outlined below.

1. An institution applying for an integrated program format must sponsor both an existing independent program *and* a general surgery program. Each of these existing programs must have a current accreditation status of Continued Accreditation in order for the Review Committee to consider the application.
2. The institution must maintain both program formats after an integrated program is approved, **at least until the integrated program has matured to have residents filling the advanced education years (Years 4, 5, and 6).**
3. While the independent program must be maintained until the integrated program matures to fill senior level positions, and may continue in parallel with the integrated program, **the total number of graduating positions (for both programs) must not exceed** the maximum complement of the independent program without Review Committee approval.
4. A Thoracic Surgery New Application must be completed, following the instructions at <http://acgme.org/acgmeweb/Portals/0/ApplicationInstructions.pdf>, and must be submitted according to those same instructions.
5. All applications for integrated program accreditation must include letters of support from program directors/chiefs of service/department heads for the services that will support rotations.

**Note:**

- As part of the application process, all programs applying for an integrated residency format will receive a site visit.
- When integrated programs are approved, they receive a separate program number, distinct from their independent program number.