These training requirements apply to those who begin training on or after July 1st, 2012.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Royal College Certification in Anatomical Pathology, General Pathology, or enrolment in a Royal College approved training program in these areas (see requirements for these qualifications). All candidates must be certified in Anatomical Pathology or General Pathology in order to be eligible to write the Royal College certification examination in Forensic Pathology.

MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

1. Twelve (12) months of approved residency in Forensic Pathology. The residency program will allow for supervised training with increased responsibility as the year progresses. The training period must include:
   1.1. Eleven (11) months of training in death investigation and training and experience regarding postmortem examinations
   1.2. One (1) month or the equivalent spent as a dedicated selective which may be taken in one or more of the following rotations:
      1.2.1. Pediatric pathology
      1.2.2. Child abuse pediatrics
      1.2.3. Neuropathology
      1.2.4. Cardiovascular pathology
      1.2.5. Forensic science (i.e. toxicology, chemistry, biology (including DNA), trace evidence, firearm and toolmark examination)
      1.2.6. Forensic anthropology
      1.2.7. Forensic odontology
      1.2.8. Forensic entomology
      1.2.9. Additional training in core Forensic Pathology
1.2.10. Research relevant to Forensic Pathology as approved by the program director of the Royal College accredited Forensic Pathology program in which the resident is/will be training

1.2.11. Additional training as approved by the program director of the Royal College accredited Forensic Pathology program in which the resident is/will be training

**NOTES:**

Royal College certification in Forensic Pathology requires all of the following:

1. Royal College certification in Anatomical Pathology or General Pathology;

2. Successful completion of a 1-year Royal College accredited program in Forensic Pathology;

3. Successful completion of the certification examination in Forensic Pathology.

The 1-year 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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