

Interventional Neurology Certification Eligibility Requirements

Comment Period Deadline: July 12, 2021

- Bold text indicates requirements that are part of the general eligibility requirements for all subspecialties.
- Areas highlighted in yellow are defined by the subspecialty and are open for comment until July 12, 2021.
- [Submit comments](#) and reference document area letter/numbers relating to your comment.

A. GENERAL

General eligibility criteria:

- 1. Applicants must be a diplomate in good standing of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or possess equivalent certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) in neurology, neurological surgery, or radiology.**
 - Candidates who have qualified for examination by the ABMS, RCPSC, or the AOA but have not yet been certified, may sit for the certification examination but may not receive notification of their results until UCNS receives confirmation of successful completion of their ABMS, RCPSC, or AOA examination. Candidates must sit for the ABMS, RCPSC, or AOA examination in the same year as the examination.
- 2. Applicants must hold a current, active, valid, unrestricted, and unqualified license to practice medicine in at least one jurisdiction in the United States, its territories, or Canada, and in each jurisdiction in which they practice.**

A license to practice medicine is not “current, active, valid, unrestricted and unqualified” if, in any manner to any extent whatsoever, one or more of the following applies. The license is:

- a. under probation;**
- b. conditioned, i.e., the physician is required to practice under supervision or with modification, or to**
- c. obtain continuing education;**
- d. limited, e.g., to specific practice settings;**
- e. institutional, temporary, or educational; or**
- f. inactive as a result of an action taken by or a request made by a medical licensing board.**

Policy on Medical Licensure

- If any license currently held by an applicant participating in the application process is restricted or qualified in any way, full details must be provided to the UCNS. The UCNS may, at its sole discretion, determine whether to investigate the license and the information provided. The UCNS reserves the right to determine if the license fulfills this policy.

- Licenses that have been revoked, suspended, surrendered, or not renewed in order to terminate or settle disciplinary proceedings do not qualify as meeting the requirements for medical licensure, and all such licenses must be reported for review and consideration. The UCNS will determine if the situation is cause to deny an applicant's certification application, deny a candidate access to an examination, or revoke a diplomate's certificate.

B. Pathways

Applicants must have completed *one of two* eligibility pathways. The pathways are:

1. UCNS-Accredited Fellowship
2. Practice Track

1. UCNS-Accredited Fellowship

An applicant must have successfully completed a fellowship in **Interventional Neurology** that is accredited by UCNS. The fellowship must be **12 or more months in length**. The applicant must satisfactorily complete the fellowship training by the end of the application. The applicant must apply within 48 months of completing the fellowship. Verification by the appropriate fellowship program director must be provided.

Applicants currently in a fellowship that will not be completed prior to the application deadline may still apply. The applicant must have successfully completed the fellowship training a minimum of 25 days prior to the examination week. Confirmation from the fellowship program director stating that the applicant has successfully completed the UCNS-accredited fellowship program must be received within 20 days of the fellowship completion date.

2. Practice Track

The practice track is a process that allows physicians who initiated the subspecialty prior to the availability of accredited training programs to qualify for the examination by meeting a defined set of criteria.

The applicant must submit the following documentation for one of the three following areas in **Interventional Neurology**:

- a. Satisfactory completion of **24 months** of formal training (non-accredited in **Interventional Neurology** that has taken place after the completion of formal residency training in **neurology, neurological surgery, or radiology**. Training or exposure to **Interventional Neurology** given to residents as part of their curriculum will not count toward the **24 months** of training. The applicant must provide documentation from the appropriate program director of each institution where the training occurred.

OR

- b. At least **100** hours of **AMA PRA Category 1 CME™** specifically related to **Interventional Neurology** over the 60 months prior to application. Specification of programs attended and relevance to the field of **Interventional Neurology** must be provided.

OR

- c. A letter from the applicant's current department chair that states he/she has an active, full-time academic appointment in which his/her teaching responsibilities include instructing one or more of the following in **Interventional Neurology**: medical students, residents, or fellows.

AND

- d. Documentation of a **48-month*** period of time in which the applicant has spent a minimum of 25% of his/her time in the practice of **Interventional Neurology**.

OR

Documentation of a **36-month*** period of time in which the applicant has spent a minimum of 33% of his or her time in the practice of **Interventional Neurology**

OR

Documentation of a **24-month*** period of time in which the applicant has spent a minimum of 50% of his or her time in the practice of **Interventional Neurology**.

- e. The practice must:
- i. Include evaluation and direct diagnosis and management of **neurointerventional patients, including performing relevant neurointerventional procedures**.
 - ii. Have occurred in the United States, its territories, or in Canada.
 - iii. Have occurred in the 60-month interval immediately preceding application for certification but need not be continuous.

The application must contain letters from two physicians familiar with the applicant's practice pattern during the practice time submitted in the application. The letters must together address an entire 24-month, 36-month, or 48-month period of time submitted.

* If the applicant completed unaccredited training, this may count towards the 48-month, 36-month, or 24-month period of time. For example, if the applicant completed 24 months of unaccredited training in **Interventional Neurology**, UCNS will count these 24 months towards the 36-month or 48-month period of time. Documentation of an additional 24-month or 12-month period of time would then be required.

- f. [The Subspecialty may determine additional criteria as appropriate, e.g. practical expertise component.]

This practice track pathway of application will close on the last day of the application cycle for the [UCNS inserts examination year] **Interventional Neurology** examination. To apply via this pathway, physicians must have fulfilled the requirements of the pathway on or before that date.