

Combined Anesthesiology – Emergency Medicine Curricular Requirements

This document enumerates the **minimum** curricular requirements for combined ACGME-accredited programs in anesthesiology and emergency medicine, as approved by the American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA), American Board of Emergency Medicine (ABEM), American Osteopathic Board of Anesthesiology (AOBA), and American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine (AOBEM). This information was collated on August 21, 2025 and will be updated as needed.

1. Total Duration:
 - a. 60 months (five years)
 - b. Time in anesthesiology and emergency medicine must be allocated equally during each academic year
2. Emergency Medicine:
 - a. 22 months (including experiences dedicated to the care of pediatric patients in the pediatric emergency department) caring for patients in an emergency department if the participating emergency medicine program is in a three-year format, or 29 months if the participating emergency medicine program is in a four-year format
 - b. Residents must be supervised by ABEM- or AOBEM-certified physicians
3. Critical Care:
 - a. Four months, including care of infants and children (neonatal-only critical care is not sufficient)
 - b. Three of these months must be at the PGY-2 level or above
 - c. At least three percent of the emergency department patient population must present with critical illness or injury
4. Pediatric Emergency Medicine:
 - a. Five full-time equivalent (FTE) months or 20 percent of all emergency department encounters
 - b. 50 percent should be in an emergency setting
5. Emergency Medical Services:
 - a. Must have experience in emergency medical services, emergency preparedness, and disaster management
 - b. Must include ground unit runs and direct medical command

- c. Should include participation in multi-casualty incident drills
 - d. Residents should have experience teaching out-of-hospital emergency personnel
- 6. Anesthesiology:
 - a. 14.5 months, either general or subspecialty
 - b. No more than six months of these in one specialty
 - c. This is in addition to the subspecialty requirements below
- 7. Obstetric Anesthesiology: two months
- 8. Pediatric Anesthesiology: two months
- 9. Neuroanesthesiology: two months
- 10. Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology: two months
- 11. Pain Medicine:
 - a. Three months
 - b. Including one month of acute pain, one month of chronic pain, and one month of regional anesthesiology
- 12. Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU): 0.5 months
- 13. Preoperative Medicine: 0.5 months
- 14. Non-Operative Room Anesthesia (NORA): 0.5 months
- 15. PGY-1
 - a. One month of emergency medicine
 - b. One month of critical care medicine
 - c. Additional rotations in specialties germane to the practice of anesthesiology and emergency medicine

Important Additional Considerations

- ABEM may deny board eligibility to a resident who enters a combined program whose participating emergency medicine program is on Probation when that resident was recruited (or potentially enters) the program.
- Residents may not enter a combined program beyond the PGY-1 level or transfer between combined programs in different institutions without prior approval from ABEM.
- Physicians cannot take the ABEM certifying examination until they have successfully completed all five years of the program.
- ABEM may choose not to recognize board eligibility for graduates of combined programs that have had no residents for a period of five years or more.