

August 2025: Finalization of ACGME Transplant Nephrology Program Requirements

The ACGME Transplant Nephrology draft program requirements (TN PRs) are finalized.

September 27-28, 2025: Transplant Nephrology Program Requirements Reviewed

The ACGME Board of Directors reviews the TN PRs at their September 2025 meeting and decides whether to approve them. If approved, the effective date of the PRs will be the date of this meeting.

Late October 2025: Application Form Made Available

If the TN PRs are approved at the September 2025 ACGME Board of Directors Meeting, the new application form will become available for programs in late October. When available, the transplant nephrology subspecialty-specific portion of new application form will be found on the ACGME Review Committee for Internal Medicine (RC-IM) webpage ([linked here](#)).

Late October 2025: Transplant Nephrology Fellowships Now Eligible to Apply for Accreditation

Applications from transplant nephrology fellowships received before the closing date for the January 2026 ACGME RC-IM meeting will be reviewed at that meeting. Otherwise, applications will be reviewed at the RC-IM's April 2026 meeting. Applications received after the closing date for the April 2026 meeting will be reviewed at the September 2026 meeting. Thereafter, the timing of the review of new applications will be dependent on the closing date of each RC-IM meeting. [Meeting dates and agenda closing dates \(as well as contact information for RC-IM staff\)](#) can be found on the ACGME website [here](#).

Late 2025 and Beyond: ACGME Accepts Applications from Transplant Nephrology Fellowships

Programs, working with their GME office, start to gather resources and start the process to apply for accreditation; the application usually takes 6-12 months to complete. If a program is approved at an ACGME RC-IM meeting to receive accreditation, their effective date of accreditation will usually be the date of the RC-IM meeting. Sometimes, the accreditation date can be retroactive (for example, the program is approved at the September 2026 RC-IM meeting, and the effective date of accreditation is set to July 1, 2026). After approval, the RC-IM grants the applicant program Initial Accreditation because the applicant has demonstrated that the program will be in substantial compliance with the TN PRs. Transplant nephrology programs will not require accreditation site visits before they are reviewed by the RC-IM at their meeting for Initial Accreditation. From beginning to end, the application and approval process can take a year or more.

2027: Major ACGME Common Program Requirement Revision

The ACGME Common Program Requirements (CPRs) are currently undergoing a major revision. It is anticipated that the CPR major revision should be completed sometime in 2027; these revisions for IM and its subspecialties and sub-subspecialties occur every 10 years.

2028 and Beyond: Programs Can Transition to Continued Accreditation

Two years after achieving Initial Accreditation, the transplant nephrology fellowship will require a site visit to transition to Continued Accreditation. After transitioning to Continued Accreditation, the program will continue to be required to complete the Accreditation Data System (ADS) annual update, including addressing any citations noted in the letter of notification and the ACGME Fellow Survey.