



ACAAM *Advancing Medical Practice in Addiction Prevention
and Treatment Through Fellowship Training and Education*

Addiction Medicine Subspecialty Training

- 12-month clinical fellowships for physicians who have completed residency training in any of the 24 primary specialties. Training leads to eligibility for certification in Addiction Medicine by the American Board of Preventive Medicine.
- Fellowship graduates practice in a variety of settings ranging from specialized addiction care to general medicine. Their skills and expertise are increasingly sought by health systems, academic institutions, hospitals, medical groups, and public health. This demand is driven by recognition that addiction is a complex chronic disease that is both costly and challenging. Evidence-based approaches are now advancing at a rapid pace, but there is a shortage of clinical experts to apply them and provide consultation and teaching.
- Eighty-one (81) addiction medicine fellowships are currently accredited by ACGME, and another 11 are accredited by ACAAM (including 3 in Canada).
- Addiction medicine certification is offered by the American Board of Preventive Medicine (see <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/subspecialties/addiction-medicine/>). While qualified physicians may currently seek certification on the basis of practice experience, fellowship training is recognized as the highest level of preparation, and after 2021 completion of an ACGME-accredited fellowship will be the only pathway to certification.
 - *Many ACAAM-accredited fellowships in the U.S. are expected to seek ACGME accreditation. Fellowship applicants interested in ACAAM programs are encouraged to ask about their accreditation plans.*
- Fellowships follow core standards but offer diverse options. Training occurs in inpatient addiction facilities, hospital medical-surgical units, consult services, outpatient addiction programs, and general ambulatory settings. Experience is emphasized in longitudinal care, interdisciplinary teams, and prevention as well as treatment in multiple modalities. Fellows work with patients across the lifespan who are demographically diverse and represent a broad range of addiction pathology.
- Most fellowships follow a July-June academic calendar, but many also offer part-time and off-cycle training. Salary and benefits are typically at the PGY-4 level. Addiction Medicine became a participating specialty in the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) for the 2021-22 academic year. Approximately 80% of ACGME Addiction Medicine fellowships are using ERAS – check the ERAS website for the list (<https://services.aamc.org/eras/erasstats/par/>). Applications to non-ERAS fellowships may be made directly to those programs. All fellowships welcome inquiries from potential applicants.
 - *Note: Addiction Medicine does not currently participate in the NRMP or any matching program. Fellowships follow their own timelines for applications and decisions.*