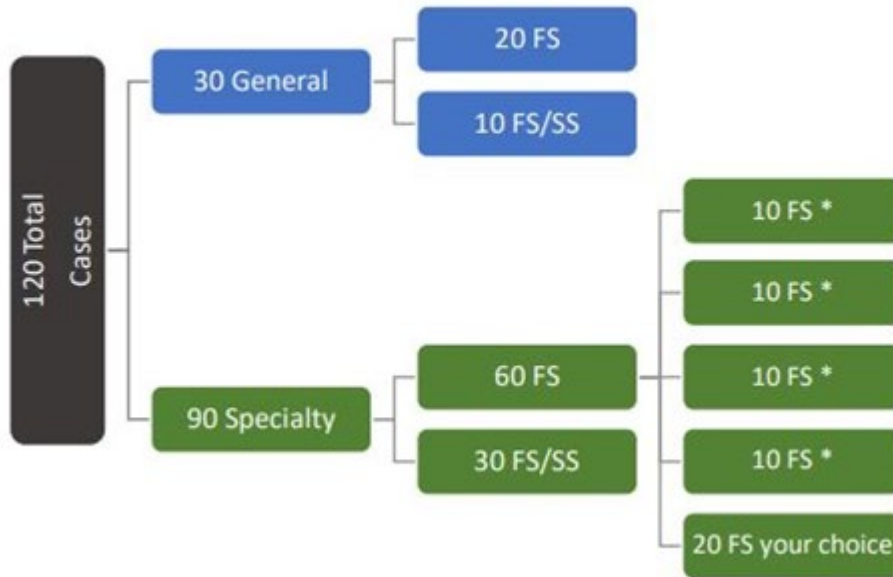


SURGICAL CASE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION ELIGIBILITY

Case requirements – A student must complete a minimum of 120 cases as delineated below:



A. General surgery

1. A student must complete a minimum of 30 cases in General Surgery.
 - a) 20 of these cases must be performed in the FS role.
 - b) The remaining 10 cases may be performed in either the FS or SS role.

B. Specialty surgery

1. A student must complete a minimum of 90 cases in various surgical specialties, excluding General Surgery.
 - a) A minimum of 60 cases must be performed in the FS role and distributed amongst a minimum of four surgical specialties.
 - 1) A minimum of ten cases in four different specialties must be completed in the FS role (40 cases total).
 - 2) The additional 20 cases in the FS role may be distributed amongst any one surgical specialty or multiple surgical specialties.
 - b) The remaining 30 cases may be performed in any surgical specialty in either the FS or SS role.
2. Surgical specialties (excluding General Surgery)
 - a) Cardiothoracic
 - b) Genitourinary
 - c) Neurologic
 - d) Obstetric and gynecologic
 - e) Ophthalmologic
 - f) Oral/Maxillofacial

- g) Orthopedic
- h) Otorhinolaryngologic
- i) Peripheral vascular
- j) Plastics and reconstructive
- k) Procurement and transplant

Role definitions

A. First Scrub Role (FS)

1. To document a case in the FS role, the student shall perform the following duties during any given surgical procedure with proficiency:
 - a) Verify supplies and equipment
 - b) Set up the sterile field
 - 1) Instruments
 - 2) Medication
 - 3) Supplies
 - c) Perform required operative counts
 - 1) AST guidelines (AST Guidelines for Best Practice can be found on the AST website. www.ast.org)
 - 2) Facility policy
 - d) Pass instruments and supplies
 - 1) Anticipate needs
 - e) Maintain sterile technique
 - 1) Recognize sterility breaks
 - 2) Correct sterility breaks
 - 3) Document as needed

B. Second Scrub Role (SS)

1. The SS role is defined as a student who has not met all criteria for the FS role, but actively participates in the surgical procedure in its entirety by completing any of the following:
 - a) Assistance with diagnostic endoscopy
 - b) Assistance with vaginal delivery
 - c) Cutting suture
 - d) Providing camera assistance
 - e) Retracting
 - f) Sponging
 - g) Suctioning

C. Observation Role (O)

1. The O role is defined as a student who has not met criteria for the FS or SS role. The student is observing a case in either the sterile or nonsterile role. Observation cases cannot be applied to the required 120 case count but must be documented.