

PAN-AFRICAN ACADEMY OF CHRISTIAN SURGEONS

Bringing together Christians from around the world to train and disciple

Few African countries have enough surgeons to care for their poor and middle classes. Every year, countless thousands of Africans suffer and die from physical problems that could be rectified through surgery. Most Africans are unable to receive even the most basic surgical care. This dearth of surgeons in Africa is becoming more acute every year.

The Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS) was created to respond to this increasingly dire need, to provide African surgeons to offer physical healing and spiritual hope in Jesus' name to Africa's sick and suffering. The training takes place in mission hospitals, offering a wide range of surgical experience together with real-life challenges.

The main training sites are in Gabon, Cameroon, Ethiopia & Kenya and auxiliary training sites are in S. Africa and Kenya. PAACS programs are seeking full accreditation by WACS (West African College of Surgeons) and are approved training sites for COSECSA (College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa).

Do YOU qualify for the training program?

- 1) A candidate must be a citizen of an African country, be fluent in English, be a graduate of a recognized medical school and must have completed an internship.
- 2) They must be a sincere follower of Jesus Christ as evidenced by their words, actions and lifestyle.
- 3) The candidate must receive strong, written recommendations from the leaders of their local church and from a Christian doctor who knows them well and has worked with them.
- 4) Since the Training Centers provide furnished housing for the resident and their family, free health care and learning materials, each candidate must be sponsored by a church, mission or organization that is capable of providing financial support for each year of training. However, for highly qualified applicants, PAACS does provide some complete scholarships which will require payback in the form of one year of post-training service for each year of sponsorship.

To download an application, go to our web site www.paacs.net. To receive an application form by mail or for additional information, contact the Director of the nearest PAACS Training Center or write to:

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The PAACS offers a Christ-centered, five-year residency program certified by the Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Candidates must be African graduates of recognized medical schools, be unashamed followers of Jesus Christ and fluent in English. Those who are admitted undergo a minimum of five years of training at one of several well-established Christian hospitals in Africa, under the direction of experienced, board-certified surgeons. The training program includes clinical and academic study, spiritual and ethical training, a systematic study program of major current surgical textbooks, monthly written case reports or research projects, operative log-books, weekly teaching conferences, direct supervision of preoperative and post-operative care, hands-on training in the operating room under supervision of board-certified surgeons, opportunities to attend medical and surgical conferences and yearly in-service examinations. Residents also undergo a study of systematic theology and the Bible to become leaders in their church and their medical communities.



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