

PAN-AFRICAN ACADEMY OF CHRISTIAN SURGEONS

The PAACS is a strategic rural-based training program, offering 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 and be unashamed followers of Jesus Christ. Those who are admitted undergo 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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*A General Surgery Training
Program bringing together
Christians from around the
world to train African
physicians in Africa
for Africa*



**"He sent them out to preach the
kingdom of God and to heal the
sick"
Luke 9:2**



**Pan-African Academy
of Christian Surgeons**

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.



Bedside teaching and evangelism is a vital part of the curriculum.

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 Nigeria and Kenya. PAACS training sites are approved training sites for COSECSA (College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa). The programs in Kenya have a full five-year COSECSA approval. PAACS programs are continuing to seek accreditation by WACS (West African College of Surgeons).

On average, Africa has only one surgeon of any kind for every 250,000 people. In many areas where PAACS and its graduates work, there is only one surgeon for 2.5 million souls.

Sound Good? Want to become a PAACS Resident?

How do I qualify for the training program?

- 1) A candidate must be a citizen of an African country, 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) The Training Centers provide furnished housing for the resident and their family, free health care and learning materials. There is no tuition but ideally each candidate must be sponsored by a church, mission or organization that is capable of providing financial support for each year of training. In return, the graduate is bonded to that sponsoring organization, working after graduation for them for an equal amount of time. We realize that may be difficult for some candidates to arrange, so for highly qualified applicants, PAACS does provide some stipends which



PAACS adapts the latest surgical thinking to the realities of the developing world environment.

also will require a year of post-training service for each year of sponsorship. You will apply for those after you are accepted for the program.

What do I do first?

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

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Training Sites as of September 2009

- Bongolo Hospital, Lebamba, Gabon
- Kijabe Hospital, Kijabe, Kenya (Both general surgery and post-graduate pediatric surgery)
- Mbingo Baptist Hospital, Bamenda, Cameroon
- Ngaoundéré Protestant Hospital, Ngaoundéré, Cameroon
- Soddo Christian Hospital, Soddo Ethiopia
- Tenwek Hospital, Bomet, Kenya