



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS • DIVISION OF EDUCATION
ACCREDITED EDUCATION INSTITUTES™
ENHANCING PATIENT SAFETY THROUGH SIMULATION

The ACS Program for Accreditation of Education Institutes accredits regional education institutes that offer practicing surgeons, surgical residents, medical students, and members of the surgical team a spectrum of educational opportunities, including acquisition and maintenance of skills, new procedures and emerging technologies.

Accredited Education Institutes undergo a rigorous application and evaluation process to ensure standards for all phases of learning (prior to a course, during a course, and after a course). Institutes specifically address the teaching, learning, and assessment of cognitive and procedural skills using state-of-the-art educational methods and cutting-edge technology.

Since the program began in 2006, **51** Institutes in six countries (the U.S., Canada, England, Sweden, Greece and Israel) have been awarded accreditation as either a Level I (Comprehensive Education Institute) or a Level II (Basic Education Institute), comprising the Consortium of ACS-Accredited Education Institutes.

Program Benefits

- Share peer-recommended curricula, best practices, and resources with a network of over 50 AEIs
- Partner with global members for international networking, faculty collaboration and research
- Collaborate with experts in simulation, such as the military and engineers, in developing cutting-edge technologies
- Participate in multi-institutional studies to assess curricula and devices
- Perform a critical self-evaluation of program management and structure to identify opportunities for continuous improvement
- Enhance the care of the surgical patient through simulation

Events

- The 3rd Annual Postgraduate Course will be held **October 29-30, 2010** in **Toronto, Ontario**. The course will be hosted by the University of Toronto Surgical Skills Centre at Mount Sinai Hospital. Attending the postgraduate course is an excellent way to learn more about the program and what it takes to become an ACS-Accredited Education Institute.
- The 4th Annual Meeting of the Consortium of ACS-Accredited Education Institutes will be held **Spring 2011** in **Chicago, IL**. This meeting is an opportunity for Consortium members to network, share best practices, and pursue initiatives through the committees of the Consortium.

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