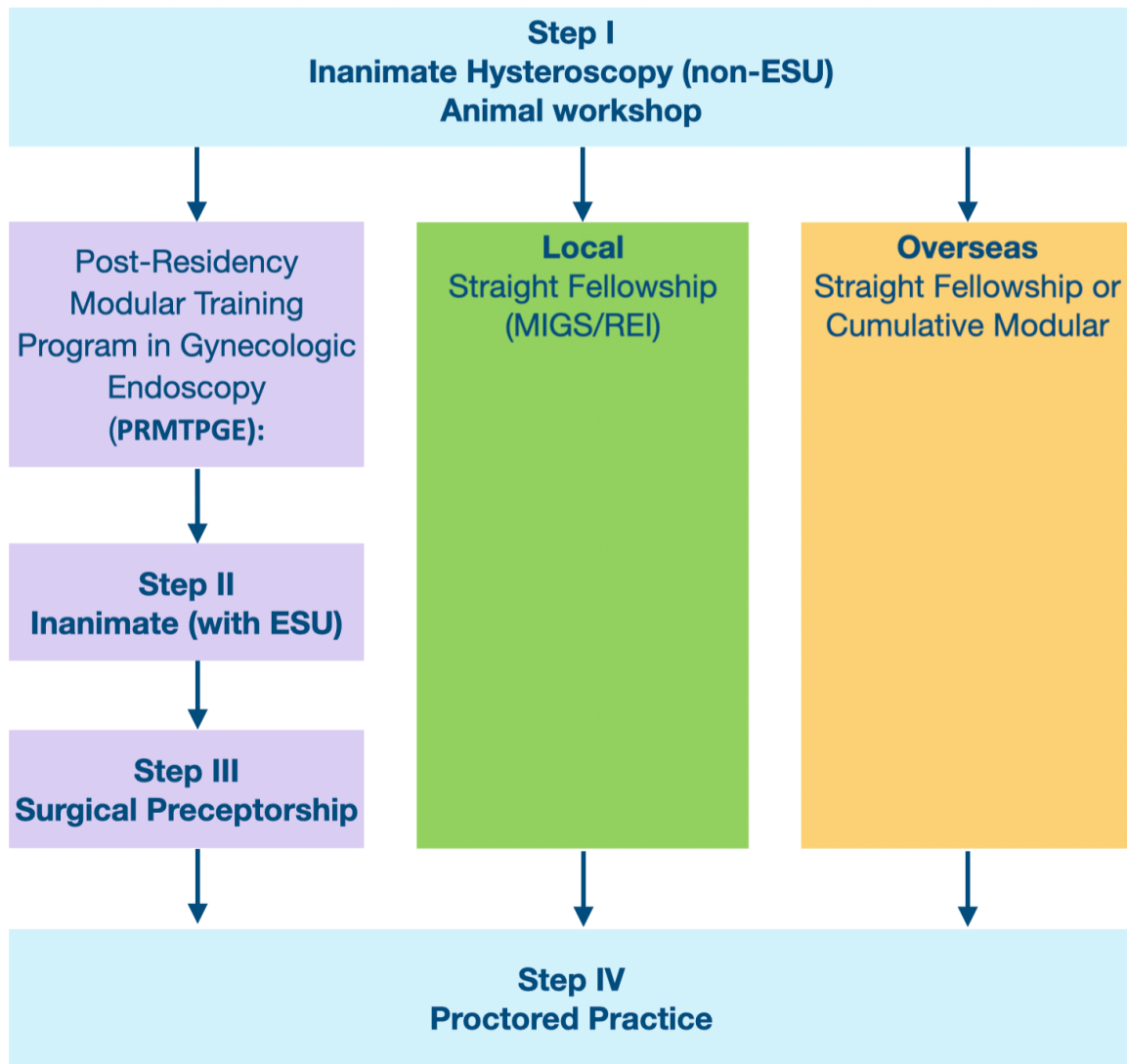


THREE PATHWAYS TO BECOME A PSGE FELLOW:

- 1) **Post-residency modular training**
- 2) **Local straight fellowship**
- 3) **Overseas straight fellowship or cumulative modular training**



*All training pathways must undergo Step I.
*PRMTPGE pathway must undergo Steps II and III.
*All training pathways must undergo Step IV.

PATHWAY 1: POST-RESIDENCY MODULAR TRAINING PROGRAM IN GYNECOLOGIC ENDOSCOPY

STEP III SURGICAL PRECEPTORSHIP IN GYNECOLOGIC ENDOSCOPY

CASE REQUIREMENTS

- Laparoscopy
 - Thirteen (13) Level 2 laparoscopy procedures as assistant
 - Thirteen (13) Level 2 laparoscopy procedures as primary surgeon
- Hysteroscopy
 - Twelve (12) level 2 hysteroscopy procedures as assistant
 - Twelve (12) level2 hysteroscopy procedures as primary surgeon

**Procedures may be bundled in one patient*

**Substitution of procedures may be acceptable (5 TCREs for TCRMs and vice versa; TCRM of Type 1 submucous myoma for TCRS or TCRA)*

STEP III. Required LAPAROSCOPY cases performed as ASSIST

(should be performed with a PSGE-Certified Trainer as the surgeon)

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Cystectomy (including paratubal cyst 10cm)	5
Adhesiolysis	2
Salpingostomy/ Salpingectomy for any valid indication except sterilization	4
Salpingo-oophorectomy*	1
Interval salpingectomy/opportunistic**	1
TOTAL	13

* Ovary and /or fallopian tube must be diseased

** Opportunistic salpingectomy for salpingectomy for sterilization.

STEP III. Required LAPAROSCOPY cases performed as PRIMARY SURGEON

(should be assisted by a PSGE-Certified Trainer)

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Cystectomy (including paratubal cyst 10cm)	5

Adhesiolysis	2
Salpingostomy/ Salpingectomy for any valid indication except sterilization	4
Salpingo-oophorectomy*	1
Interval salpingectomy/opportunistic**	1
TOTAL	13

* Ovary and /or fallopian tube must be diseased

** Opportunistic salpingectomy for salpingectomy for sterilization.

STEP III. Required HYSTEROSCOPY cases performed as ASSIST

(should be performed with a PSGE-Certified Trainer as the surgeon)

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Polypectomy including shaver, except micro scissors/forceps	5
Myomectomy Type 0-1	5
Ablation/Endometrial resection	1
Septum /IUA adhesiolysis	1
TOTAL	12

STEP III. Required HYSTEROSCOPY cases performed as PRIMARY SURGEON

(should be assisted by a PSGE-Certified Trainer)

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Polypectomy including shaver, except micro scissors/forceps	5
Myomectomy Type 0-1	5
Ablation/Endometrial resection	1
Septum /IUA adhesiolysis	1
TOTAL	12

*These case requirements apply to applicants who submit documentary requirements for credentialing from **January 1, 2024** onwards.*

The following documentary evidence of procedures performed as assist and as primary surgeon must be compiled by the trainee and submitted to the PSGE Secretariat in order to be given the Certificate of Completion of Step III procedures:

1. Operative record or surgical memorandum bearing the names of attending physician, surgeon, first and second assist signed by the PSGE-Certified Trainier (PCT). Instead of the operative technique, the applicant should submit learning points from each procedure.
2. Histopathology report if applicable.
3. Tabulation of cases using the PSGE 2023 Case Log Forms:
 PSGE 2023 M-Step III H-A
 PSGE 2023 M-Step III H-S
 PSGE 2023 M-Step III L-A
 PSGE 2023 M-Step III L-S

STEP IV. PROCTORED PRACTICE IN GYNECOLOGIC ENDOSCOPY (PPGE)

Step IV/PPGE is the final step in PRMTPGE wherein the preceptee performs the operation as the primary surgeon, assisted by a PSGE Fellow. It can be conducted in any licensed hospital in the Philippines.

- In areas where there are no available PCTs to assist the preceptee, a letter of explanation must be submitted to teh Chair of the Training Committee thru the Chair of the Subcommittee on PRMTPGE for consideration to be allowed to proceed to Step 4/PPGE. This is done in consultation with the Chair of the Credentialing Committee.

Case Requirements:

- 10 Level 2 procedures for Laparoscopy
- 10 Level 2 procedures for Hysteroscopy

**Bundling of cases in one patient is not acceptable in Step IV*

STEP IV: Required LAPAROSCOPY cases peformed as PRIMARY SURGEON

(should be assisted by a PSGE Fellow)

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Cystectomy	5
Salpingostomy/ Salpingectomy for any valid indication except sterilization	3
Salpingo-oophorectomy*	1
Interval salpingectomy/opportunistic**	1

TOTAL	10
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* Ovary and /or fallopian tube must be diseased

** Opportunistic salpingectomy for salpingectomy for sterilization.

STEP IV: Required HYSTEROSCOPY cases performed as PRIMARY SURGEON
(should be assisted by a PSGE Fellow)

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Polypectomy (size of ≥ 1.5 cm on ultrasound) including shaver, except micro scissors/forceps	4
Myomectomy Type 0-1	5
Septum/Ablation/Endometrial resection /IUA adhesiolysis	1
TOTAL	10

CREDENTIALING PROCESS: Post-residency Modular Training Program in Gynecologic Endoscopy (PRMTPGE)

1. The preceptee must attend Step I workshop and submit the certificate of completion.
2. The preceptee must attend Step II workshop and submit the certificate of completion.
3. The preceptee must signify their intention to join Step III by writing to the PSGE Training Committee headed by Dr. Prudence Aquino.
4. After completing Step III, the preceptee must submit documentary evidence of cases performed. The preceptor must review the operative techniques of the procedures before signing the case log.
5. Approved case logs will be given a certificate of completion for Step III.
6. The preceptee must signify their intention to join Step IV by writing to the PSGE Training Committee headed by Dr. Prudence Aquino.
7. After completing Step IV, the preceptee must submit a case log of the required cases to be eligible for credentialing. The preceptor must review the operative techniques of the procedures before signing the case log.
8. Cases for Step IV will be approved by the Credentialing Committee to determine applicants who will qualify to take the written and practical examinations.
9. The preceptee is required to take the steps I-IV in **proper sequence**, otherwise, his/ her training will not be accredited.
10. To be a certified Fellow of the PSGE, the preceptee must comply with the documentary requirements and pass both the written and practical examinations.

A. Requirements for submission

- Certificates of Step I and II*
- Tabulation of the required cases in Step III using the PSGE 2023 Case Log Form signed by the preceptor and certified by the medical director thru the department chair*
 - PSGE 2023 Case Log Form: M-Step III L-A*
 - PSGE 2023 Case Log Form: M-Step III L-S*
 - PSGE 2023 Case Log Form: M-Step III H-A*
 - PSGE 2023 Case Log Form: M-Step III H-S*

The completed PSGE 2023 case log forms must be submitted to the PSGE Secretariat in order to be given the Certificate of Completion of Step III procedures.

- Certificate of Completion of Step III.*
- Tabulation of the required cases in Step IV using the PSGE 2023 Case log Forms for Step IV. See Step IV Proctored Practice in Gynecologic Endoscopy*
- Other documentary requirements in the **Fellowship application checklist.***

B. WRITTEN EXAMINATION

The candidate must pass written examination to qualify for the practical examination. In case of failure in the written exam, the candidate can retake the examination upon submission of a letter of intent with an updated case log form.

C. PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

In case of failure in the practical examination, the candidate can retake within the same calendar year subject to the approval of the credentialing committee. Subsequent attempts would require submission of 3 new Level 2 cases performed as surgeon.

D. VIDEO PRESENTATION

The candidate who passes the credentialing process is required to present a 5-minute video during the PSGE Annual Congress (procedure may be either a hysteroscopy or laparoscopy case performed by the presenter or a completed research paper).

PATHWAY 2: LOCAL STRAIGHT FELLOWSHIP

The PSGE recognizes ongoing fellowship programs being offered locally:

- I. Fellowship in Reproductive Medicine (2 years)
 1. UP-PGH
 2. SLMC-QC
 3. FEU/JRMMC/CMC Consortium
- II. Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery (2 years)
 1. East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC)
 2. Quirino Memorial Medical Center (QMMC)
 3. Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC)
 4. Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center and Chong Hua Hospital Consortium

After satisfactorily completing the Fellowship Requirements of the institution, the graduate of a local Fellowship Training Program may proceed to Step IV to be eligible for credentialing to become a PSGE Fellow.

FELLOWSHIP TRAINING: **Required LAPAROSCOPY cases performed as ASSIST**
(should be performed with a PSGE Fellow as the surgeon)

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Cystectomy (including paratubal cyst 10cm)	5
Adhesiolysis	2
Salpingostomy/ Salpingectomy for any valid indication except sterilization	4
Salpingo-oophorectomy*	1
Interval salpingectomy/opportunistic**	1
TOTAL	13

* Ovary and /or fallopian tube must be diseased

** Opportunistic salpingectomy for salpingectomy for sterilization.

FELLOWSHIP TRAINING: **Required LAPAROSCOPY cases performed as PRIMARY SURGEON** (should be assisted by a PSGE Fellow)

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Cystectomy (including paratubal cyst 10cm)	5

Adhesiolysis	2
Salpingostomy/ Salpingectomy for any valid indication except sterilization	4
Salpingo-oophorectomy*	1
Interval salpingectomy/opportunistic**	1
TOTAL	13

* Ovary and /or fallopian tube must be diseased

** Opportunistic salpingectomy for salpingectomy for sterilization.

FELLOWSHIP TRAINING: **Required HYSTEROSCOPY cases performed as ASSIST**
(should be performed with a PSGE Fellow as the surgeon)

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Polypectomy including shaver, except micro scissors/ forceps	5
Myomectomy Type 0-1	5
Ablation/Endometrial resection	1
Septum/IUA adhesiolysis	1
TOTAL	12

FELLOWSHIP TRAINING: **Required HYSTEROSCOPY cases performed as PRIMARY SURGEON** (should be assisted by a PSGE Fellow)

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Polypectomy including shaver, except micro scissors/ forceps	5
Myomectomy Type 0-1	5
Ablation/Endometrial resection	1
Septum/IUA adhesiolysis	1

TOTAL	12
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STEP IV. PROCTORED PRACTICE IN GYNECOLOGIC ENDOSCOPY (PPGE)

Step IV/PPGE is the final step wherein the trainee performs the operation as the primary surgeon, assisted by a PSGE Fellow. It can be conducted in any licensed hospital in the Philippines.

All local fellowship trainees must complete Step IV to be qualified for credentialing.

- Fellows-in-training of an accredited local MIGS fellowship program may submit cases (as Step IV) done during training for as long as the required cases for fellowship have been completed.
- Graduates of MIGS fellowship program as of 2023 onwards need not be assisted by a PSGE Fellow.*
- PSRM Fellows need not be assisted by a PSGE Fellow for Step IV.*
- Graduates of RM fellowship program (who are not yet FPRSM) need to be assisted by a PSGE Fellow.

Case Requirements:

- 10 Level 2 procedures for Laparoscopy
- 10 Level 2 procedures for Hysteroscopy

**Bundling of cases in one patient is not acceptable in Step IV*

STEP IV: Required LAPAROSCOPY cases performed as PRIMARY SURGEON
(should be assisted by a PSGE Fellow)*

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Cystectomy	5
Salpingostomy/ Salpingectomy for any valid indication except sterilization	3
Salpingo-oophorectomy*	1
Interval salpingectomy/opportunistic**	1
TOTAL	10

* Ovary and /or fallopian tube must be diseased

** Opportunistic salpingectomy for salpingectomy for sterilization.

STEP IV: Required HYSTEROSCOPY cases performed as PRIMARY SURGEON

(should be assisted by a PSGE Fellow)

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Polypectomy (size of ≥ 1.5 cm on ultrasound) including shaver, except micro scissors/forceps	4
Myomectomy Type 0-1	5
Septum/Ablation/Endometrial resection /IUA adhesiolysis	1
TOTAL	10

CREDENTIALING PROCESS: Local Straight Fellowship

A. Requirements for submission

- Application letter*
- Application form*
- Recommendation letters (3)*
- Table of contents*
- Certified true copy of POGS Fellow Certificate*
- Original POGS Certificate in good standing*
- PSRM Certificate of Training (if applicable)*
- PSRM Certificate as Fellow (if applicable)*
- PSGE Certification of 2 years in good standing*
- Certificate of Step I/IGE Workshop*
- Certificate of Completion of Fellowship Training of at least 12 months*
 - Submit tabulation of required cases assisted and performed as surgeon in the prescribed PSGE Case Log forms*
 - Photocopy of histopathological results*
 - Photocopy of Operating Room Record or Surgical Memorandum clearly demonstrating name of candidate as Assist and Surgeon and name with signature of PSGE Fellow who performed and assisted, respectively*

Case log of Step IV Procedures signed by PSGE Fellow who assisted, with the following attachments: (*Tabulation of cases using the PSGE 2023 Case Log Form for Step IV*)

- Photocopy of histopathological results*

- Photocopy of Operating Room Record or Surgical Memorandum clearly demonstrating name of candidate as Surgeon and name with signature of PSGE Fellow who assisted
- For graduates of local Fellowship Training with strict policies on Data Privacy submit:
 - Certificate signed by Department Chair and Training Officer/Supervisor/s specifying PSGE-required procedures assisted and performed as surgeon by the candidate
 - Histopathological results authenticated by the Records Section/ Department Chair and Training Officer
- Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Log
- Application fee: ₱5,000.00

B. WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Must pass written examination to qualify for the practical examination.

C. PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

In case of failure in the practical exam, the candidate can retake twice within 5 years and must submit five (5) new Level 2 cases performed as surgeon after each failed practical exam.

D. VIDEO PRESENTATION

A candidate who passes the credentialing process must present during the PSGE Annual Congress a 5-minute video of a case he/she performed, either hysteroscopy or laparoscopy, OR a completed research paper.

PATHWAY 3: OVERSEAS STRAIGHT FELLOWSHIP OR CUMULATIVE MODULAR TRAINING

There are 2 pathways: straight (not less than 12 months) and cumulative modular.

OVERSEAS STRAIGHT FELLOWSHIP TRAINING from institutions accredited as training centers by APAGE, ESGE and AAGL may be recognized by the PSGE.

OVERSEAS CUMULATIVE MODULAR TRAINING is similar to the Step III Modular Training Program. The trainee may complete the required cases through preceptorship with training centers abroad recognized by the PSGE. For centers not recognized by PSGE, the trainee should submit a copy of the training curriculum to the PSGE BOT through the PSGE Training Committee. The trainee must submit documentary evidence of the procedures performed. If the overseas training centers do not allow the trainees to perform as surgeon in the required procedures, then the trainee may complete such procedures locally assisted by a PSGE Certified Trainer.

Requirements **BEFORE** commencing with Overseas Training

1. The trainee must be a diplomate or fellow of POGS.
2. The trainee should undergo Step 1 Introduction to Gynecologic Endoscopy (IGE) Workshop.
3. The trainee must coordinate with PSGE to have the overseas program approved by PSGE.

OVERSEAS FELLOWSHIP TRAINING: Required LAPAROSCOPY cases performed as ASSIST

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Cystectomy (including paratubal cyst 10cm)	5
Adhesiolysis	2
Salpingostomy/ Salpingectomy for any valid indication except sterilization	4
Salpingo-oophorectomy*	1
Interval salpingectomy/opportunistic**	1
TOTAL	13

* Ovary and /or fallopian tube must be diseased

** Opportunistic salpingectomy for salpingectomy for sterilization.

OVERSEAS FELLOWSHIP TRAINING: Required LAPAROSCOPY cases performed as PRIMARY SURGEON

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Cystectomy (including paratubal cyst 10cm)	5
Adhesiolysis	2
Salpingostomy/ Salpingectomy for any valid indication except sterilization	4
Salpingo-oophorectomy*	1
Interval salpingectomy/opportunistic**	1
TOTAL	13

* Ovary and /or fallopian tube must be diseased

** Opportunistic salpingectomy for salpingectomy for sterilization.

OVERSEAS FELLOWSHIP TRAINING: Required HYSTEROSCOPY cases performed as ASSIST

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Polypectomy including shaver, except micro scissors/ forceps	5
Myomectomy Type 0-1	5
Ablation/Endometrial resection	1
Septum/IUA adhesiolysis	1
TOTAL	12

OVERSEAS FELLOWSHIP TRAINING: Required HYSTEROSCOPY cases performed as PRIMARY SURGEON

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Polypectomy including shaver, except micro scissors/ forceps	5
Myomectomy Type 0-1	5
Ablation/Endometrial resection	1
Septum/IUA adhesiolysis	1
TOTAL	12

Trainees with incomplete case requirements during their overseas fellowship training may augment their cases with procedures performed in the Philippines (follow Step III of PRMTPGE).

STEP IV. PROCTORED PRACTICE IN GYNECOLOGIC ENDOSCOPY (PPGE)

Step IV/PPGE is the final step wherein the trainee performs the operation as the primary surgeon, assisted by a PSGE Fellow. It can be conducted in any licensed hospital in the Philippines.

All overseas trainees must complete Step IV to be qualified for credentialing.

- In areas where there are no available PCTs to assist the trainee, a letter of explanation must be submitted to the Chair of the Training Committee thru the Chair of the Subcommittee on PRMTPGE for consideration to be allowed to proceed to Step 4/PPGE. This is done in consultation with the Chair of the Credentialing Committee.

Case Requirements:

- 10 Level 2 procedures for Laparoscopy
- 10 Level 2 procedures for Hysteroscopy

**Bundling of cases in one patient is not acceptable in Step IV*

STEP IV: Required LAPAROSCOPY cases performed as PRIMARY SURGEON
(should be assisted by a PSGE Fellow)

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE

Cystectomy	5
Salpingostomy/ Salpingectomy for any valid indication except sterilization	3
Salpingo-oophorectomy*	1
Interval salpingectomy/opportunistic**	1
TOTAL	10

* Ovary and /or fallopian tube must be diseased

** Opportunistic salpingectomy for salpingectomy for sterilization.

STEP IV: Required HYSTEROSCOPY cases performed as PRIMARY SURGEON

(should be assisted by a PSGE Fellow)

PROCEDURE	REQUIRED NUMBER OF CASE
Polypectomy (size of ≥ 1.5 cm on ultrasound) including shaver, except micro scissors/forceps	4
Myomectomy Type 0-1	5
Septum/Ablation/Endometrial resection /IUA adhesiolysis	1
TOTAL	10

CREDENTIALING PROCESS: Overseas Training

I. Overseas Straight Fellowship

A. Requirements for submission

- Application letter*
- Application form*
- Recommendation letters (3)*
- Table of contents*
- Certified true copy of POGS Fellow Certificate*
- Original POGS Certificate in good standing*
- PSGE Certification of 2 years in good standing*
- Certificate of Step I/IGE Workshop*
- Certificate of Completion of Fellowship Training of at least 12 months*
 - Submit tabulation of required cases assisted and performed as surgeon in the prescribed PSGE Case Log forms*
 - Photocopy of histopathological results*

- Photocopy of Operating Room Record or Surgical Memorandum clearly demonstrating name of candidate as Assist and Surgeon and name with signature of PSGE Fellow who performed and assisted, respectively
(Case log of Step IV Procedures signed by PSGE Fellow who assisted, with the following attachments: *(Tabulation of cases using the PSGE 2023 Case Log Form for Step IV)*)
 - Photocopy of histopathological results
 - Photocopy of Operating Room Record or Surgical Memorandum clearly demonstrating name of candidate as Surgeon and name with signature of PSGE Fellow who assisted
- For graduates of Overseas Fellowship Training with strict policies on Data Privacy submit:
 - Certificate signed by Department Chair and Training Officer/Supervisor/s specifying PSGE-required procedures assisted and performed as surgeon by the candidate
 - Histopathological results authenticated by the Records Section/ Department Chair and Training Officer
- *Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Log*
- *Application fee: ₱5,000.00*

B. WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Must pass written examination to qualify for the practical examination.

C. PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

In case of failure in the practical exam, the candidate can retake twice within 5 years and must submit five (5) new Level 2 cases performed as surgeon after each failed practical exam.

D. VIDEO PRESENTATION

A candidate who passes the credentialing process must present during the PSGE Annual Congress a 5-minute video of a case he/she performed, either hysteroscopy or laparoscopy, OR a completed research paper.

II. Overseas Modular Fellowship

A. Requirements for submission

- *Application letter*
- *Application form*
- *Recommendation letters (3)*
- *Table of contents*
- *Certified true copy of POGS Fellow Certificate*
- *Original POGS Certificate in good standing*
- *PSGE Certification of 2 years in good standing*
- *Certificate of Step I/IGE Workshop (Must have been taken prior to the fellowship training)*

- ❑ *Certified true copy of Step II workshop certificate*
- ❑ *Certified true copy of Completion of Step III/SPGE Certificate*
- ❑ *Certificate of Training*
- ❑ *Curriculum of training programs attended.*
- ❑ Case log of Step IV Procedures signed by PSGE Fellow who assisted (Tabulation of cases using the PSGE 2023 Case Log Form for Step IV)
 - Photocopy of histopathological results
 - Photocopy of Operating Room Record or Surgical Memorandum clearly demonstrating name of candidate as Surgeon and name with signature of PSGE Fellow who assisted
- ❑ With strict policies on Data Privacy submit:
 - Certificate signed by Department Chair and Training Officer/Supervisor/s specifying PSGE-required procedures assisted and performed as surgeon by the candidate
 - Histopathological results authenticated by the Records Section/ Department Chair and Training Officer
- ❑ *Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Log*
- ❑ *Application fee: ₱5,000.00*

B. WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Must pass written examination to qualify for the practical examination.

C. PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

In case of failure in the practical exam, the candidate can retake twice within 5 years and must submit five (5) new Level 2 cases performed as surgeon after each failed practical exam.

D. VIDEO PRESENTATION

A candidate who passes the credentialing process must present during the PSGE Annual Congress a 5-minute video of a case he/she performed, either hysteroscopy or laparoscopy, OR a completed research paper.

PROCEDURE FOR CERTIFICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

- ❑ After completion of Step IV, the candidate may submit the required cases at any time up to January 31 of the following year.
- ❑ The candidate shall take the written exam given on the last Saturday of March of the same year.
- ❑ A practical exam will be given to those who passed the written exam. It shall be given until June 30 of the same year.
- ❑ The case for practical examination shall only be scheduled after approval of the credentialing committee.