

ACFAS 2023 Meet the Fellow Questionnaire



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Fellow Name:

Lant Abernathy

Fellowship Program:

Core Institute

City/State:

Phoenix, AZ

Program Director:

Ryan Scott

How many Attendings do you work with regularly?

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Describe the diversity of your cases so far in fellowship. (For example, has your experience included TAR? Is there an emphasis on: Pediatrics? Sports Medicine? Deformity correction? Complex reconstruction? What percentage of your cases are trauma? Rearfoot/ankle? Forefoot? Please be as descriptive as you'd like.

Our fellowship is heavily based in Rearfoot reconstruction with heavy emphasis on TAR and trauma. There is a fair amount of forefoot reconstruction too. Very little wound care

How many days per week do you typically spend in the OR? In clinic? Do you have your own "fellow" clinic?

Depending on the rotation the fellow spends 3 days in the OR and 2 days in clinic

There is an emerging fellows clinic



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

25-30

What conferences have you attended/are you encouraged to attend?

All academic conferences are encouraged. ACFAS is mandatory

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Very academic and EBM based.

How is research incorporated into your experience? What resources are provided/available?

It is what you make of it, we have 2 projects currently started

Do you take any "call"? If so, how often? What type of call? (general vs. trauma, hospital vs. private practice?)

It is office call, once every month, rarely have to go in and see consults in ED or hospital.

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

5-6

What is your didactic schedule like? What academic opportunities are available to you during fellowship? (Cadaver labs, journal club, radiology conference, etc.)

Weekly Wednesday Radiology Rounds

Is your fellowship affiliated with a residency program? If yes, what are your responsibilities?

How often are you interacting with residents (What % of cases?)

No



Are you able to collect cases for board certification?

No, Most cases are under the primary attending

When should interested applicants visit? What does a visit look like?

Spring time. Visit will include a day in clinic as well as in the OR

What is the interview process like at your program?

Case presentation mixed with social interview

Do you have a co-fellow? What percentage of your cases are scrubbed with them?

Yes, we have scrubbed one case all year together

What support is available for finding post-fellowship employment?

Attendings will help you find jobs, there is a network available

What qualities make an applicant a good fit for your program?

Hard worker, Up to date on literature, Teachable, and confident

Why did you apply for fellowship? And why did you choose your fellowship program?

To further enhance my training to deal and make me look like a standout applicant for applying to jobs. High surgical volume with heavy emphasis on complex cases and TAR

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

Be well read and be confident in decision making.

