

Fellowship Entry Criteria and Exam

The candidate must be of age between 28-40 years and a paid member of ASSI since at least 6 months, must be a MS/DNB/FRCSE/equivalent in Orthopedics or MCh/DNB in Neurosurgery, should have active interest in developing spine as a full time specialty & must have permanent registration with the MCI (Medical Council of India). He / she should have strong emphasis on publications and presentation. A fellow will have to maintain and submit complete logbook and final evaluation form. He / she will have to meet the requisite criteria of minimum 2 paper presentation at a national conference and one publication in peer reviewed journal during his fellowship.

Interested candidates should apply by sending the filled application form to Secretary ASSI after posts are announced through website / advertisement / mailer.

Secretary would review the eligibility criteria. Candidate for Fellowship would be selected based on merit ranking through online entrance examination.

Fellowship Exit Criteria and Exam

The exit exam is held once a year. The centre for the examinations will be intimated to the fellows well in advance.

Criteria for eligibility to attend the exam

The criteria for eligibility to attend the exam, the distribution of marks and passing criteria are detailed below.

1. Submission of completed research work leading to one publication in a respected peer reviewed spinal journal. (The article should be accepted for publication)
2. Obtaining basic competency certificate (DOPS review) from the mentor.
3. When evidence of the above have been submitted to the ASSI, they will be eligible to attend the final assessment

ASSI exit exam pattern

Exam coordinator - One Senior ASSI education committee member

Secretariat- Support

4 Examiners

2 days exam

1st day Afternoon- Theory – (14:00 – 17:00 hrs)

- 3 hours paper
- 100 marks
- 10 questions 10 marks each
- Each question will be divided clearly and each part will have defined marks.

2nd day- Practical

- 4 examiners
- Long case

- 1 long case
- 1 long case has to be given to the candidate 60 minutes before the exam. Candidate will present case. Candidate will then be evaluated based on the performance.
- Short cases
 - Each candidate 2 short cases for discussion.
 - Cases have to be given one before assessment. . Candidate will present case. Candidate will then be evaluated based on the performance.

The Scoring System for ASSI Spine Fellowship Exit Examination is as below:

Part 1: Theory			
Duration: 3 hours, 100 Marks			
Part 2: Practical			
Part 2A:	1 long case	100 Marks	2 Examiners
	2 short cases	100 Marks (50 marks each)	2 Examiners
Part 2B:			
	Osteology, Radiology, Orthotics / Specimens/ Histology	40 marks	1Examiner
	Procedure /Approach, Instrument / Implants,	40 marks	1 Examiner
	Thesis, Log Book, Research	20 marks	2 Examiners
TOTAL	Theory	100 Marks	All 4 Examiners
	Practical	300 Marks	
Overall	(Theory + Practical (A+B))	400 Marks	

Pass criteria – the candidate should obtain a minimum total of 200 marks out of 400.

For More Information About Curriculum and Exams Please Check Out ASSI Spine Fellowship Handbook