

OB/GYN study program in Iceland.

Icelandic authorities have legislated specialization studies in OB/GYN. This legislation states a mandatory five year practical study program, in which four years must be conducted at an OB/GYN department and one year in general surgery.

Currently, there are eight trainee positions at the University Hospital, located in Reykjavik. Each trainee can conduct a maximum of two years of studies in OB/GYN and one year in surgery in Iceland and therefore the remaining two years must be pursued abroad in order to complete the study program.

The average work week is approximately 48 hours and consists of day-, evening- and nightshifts.

Each trainee is assigned a tutor who is responsible for a bi-annual progress assessment. Progress is documented and furthermore a log-book is kept during the first year, which includes competence in basic procedures in OB/GYN, signed by either the tutor or a senior doctor.

Training sessions are held on a weekly basis where trainees take turns in presenting a well chosen topic, while being backed up by a specialist. Half-day workshops take place four times a year where each workshop is devoted to a specific topic, for example; birth control, infertility, HRT, laparoscopy in gynecology, urinary incontinence, repair of birth tears and ultrasound.

After the period a 360° evaluation is performed in which cooperative skills are evaluated by other doctors, by midwives, nurses and secretaries.