



POST FELLOWSHIP TRAINING IN CLEFT CARE

ABOUT THE TRAINING

The College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) in Partnership with Smile Train and the West African College of Surgeons (WACS) have developed a Post-Fellowship Curriculum in Cleft Care with an aim of improving the skills of surgeons in the comprehensive management of Cleft Lip and Palate and associated problems.

A nine (9) month long course at an accredited training site with the objective of: -

- Improving knowledge & understanding of the embryologic & anatomic basis of cleft lip & palate surgery.
- Strengthening the impact & understanding of multidisciplinary team care for cleft lip & palate.
- Providing hands on surgical training in primary & secondary repair of cleft lip & palate, as well as alveolar bone graft.
- Developing & advancing research in cleft lip & palate & provide a regional research platform.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Must have a recognized medical or dental degree.
- **Must** be a COSECSA Fellow or have a fellowship in any of the following surgical specialties (or acceptable equivalent):
 - Dental Surgery (Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery)
 - General Surgery
 - Otorhinolaryngology
 - Paediatric Surgery
 - Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- To facilitate training, the candidate should possess a current registration/ practicing license from the host country Medical & Dental Council.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Curriculum Available [HERE](#)

Maximum of **three** places will be funded for 2026 at a COSECSA Plastic Surgery Accredited Training Site. Submit a CV, Reference letter, Personal statement and an acceptance letter from a COSECSA Plastic Surgery accredited training site.

Complete applications should be sent to COSECSA by filling in the form [HERE](#)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Air tickets where applicable, Standard host facilitation fee, Living subsidy, visa where applicable, covid test where applicable

Application Deadline - 31st January 2026

AWARDED WITH CERTIFICATE IN CLEFT SURGERY ON COMPLETION

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