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Bassett Medical Center has had a long tradition of commitment to medical education and surgery training has been a part of that commitment for more than 50 years. The program recently expanded from two to three residents per year and will finish its first class of three chief residents in 2013. The program offers a broad range of surgical experience not found in most university programs. Because there are no competing subspecialty residencies, the residents have greater depth and breadth of exposure to a whole host of surgical subspecialty diseases and operative management. The residents live and train in a small town, which provides unique experiences and opportunities.

The program is a major teaching hospital of Columbia University and is a medical school clinical campus with the Columbia-Bassett campus now open. Because there are no competing specialty residencies, residents care directly for patients in the fields of neurosurgery, orthopedic surgery, urology, plastic surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, and otolaryngology–head and neck surgery. For residents planning a career in rural areas, electives exist for increased experience in surgical specialties as well as rural rotations.

Half of the graduates of the program enter general surgery practice.

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