

# Cardiothoracic Surgery

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## Residency

Iowa's cardiothoracic surgery residency program was established in 1948 and is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). It is the only cardiothoracic surgery training program in Iowa. One resident is accepted into the two-year fellowship program each year. Cardiothoracic surgery was approved by the ACGME to start a six-year integrated thoracic residency. Medical students begin the program after they graduate from medical school. A new resident enters the program each year.