

**ACFAS 2021 Virtual Fellowship Fair:  
Get to Know the Fellow Questionnaire**



**American College of  
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Fellow Name:

Jordan Crafton

Fellowship Program:

The CORE Institute

City/State:

Phoenix, AZ

Program Director:

Dr. Ryan Scott

How many Attendings do you work with regularly?

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Describe the diversity of your cases so far in fellowship. (For example, has your experience included TAR? Is there an emphasis on: Pediatrics? Sports Medicine? Deformity correction? Complex reconstruction? What percentage of your cases are trauma? Rearfoot/ankle? Forefoot? Please be as descriptive as you'd like.

The 3 main focuses of the fellowship are sports medicine and arthroscopy, trauma and total ankle replacement. We also diversify further and do plenty of pediatrics, limb deformity correction, advanced reconstruction both flat and cavus foot. We do a fair amount of Charcot reconstruction.

How many days per week do you typically spend in the OR? In clinic? Do you have your own "fellow" clinic?

3-4 days in the OR and 1-2 days in the clinic typically.



How many surgical cases do you typically scrub per month?

Around 60. I am on pace for 700-750 cases

What conferences have you attended/are you encouraged to attend?

I have attended 3 conferences and multiple labs. We are encouraged to attend as many conferences as possible

How would you describe your director's teaching style?

Methodical, clear and concise. He shows you the way he likes things done once and after that you're doing everything. Organization in the OR, having a game plan and leaving yourself backup plans and revision options if option A fails.

How is research incorporated into your experience? What resources are provided/available?

The attendings we work with have a wealth of ideas and provide a lot of support and help throughout the process. We are expected to produce 2 papers throughout our fellowship.

Do you take any "call"? If so, how often? What type of call? (general vs. trauma, hospital vs. private practice?)

We don't take hospital call per se but we are always on for add on cases that may come in that are communicated through our attending's. The call we have is office call once a month for a week. Call is pretty easy its just answering patient questions over the phone.

How many hospitals/surgery centers are you credentialed at?

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What is your didactic schedule like? What academic opportunities are available to you during fellowship? (Cadaver labs, journal club, radiology conference, etc.)

- Radiology rounds once per week to go over every case we will be performing
- Cadaver lab once a quarter
- Journal club once a quarter

Zoom lecture series once a month or every other month.

Is your fellowship affiliated with a residency program? If yes, what are your responsibilities?

How often are you interacting with residents (What % of cases?)

We are not affiliated with a residency program however one of our docs who is an MD foot and ankle Ortho just started working with a resident. The simple cases he/the fellow will teach the resident and the complex cases we run the show. It is a nice set up. Probably be about 5% of total cases for me.



Are you able to collect cases for board certification?

no

When should interested applicants visit? What does a visit look like?

In an ideal setting March-May. I visited in May. A visit is an OR day where you observe Dr. Scott and a fellow in cases.

What is the interview process like at your program?

Interview process this last year was on Zoom where we ran each candidate through 3-4 cases to gauge knowledge base and asked social questions. Typically you meet with each attending and the fellows separately for questions and then a group interview with each candidate where we go over cases. You take a tour of the CORE main offices.

Usually lasts all day with a Top Golf social event at the end of the day.

Do you have a co-fellow? What percentage of your cases are scrubbed with them?

Yes we take 2 fellows. We scrubbed about 5 % of our total cases together this last year.

What support is available for finding post-fellowship employment?

There was a lot of support and help to find jobs. It is one of the best qualities of this fellowship.

What qualities make an applicant a good fit for your program?

Hard working, sense of humor, good knowledge base

Why did you apply for fellowship? And why did you choose your fellowship program?

I chose fellowship to reach my full potential as a surgeon and to make myself marketable for jobs. I chose this fellowship because of the complexity of cases and my interest in sports medicine and arthroscopy, trauma and total joint replacement

Any advice for future fellowship applicants?

try to find your passion and choose a fellowship that will mold you into the best version of yourself.

