BECOMING A TRAUMA SURGEON

If you've ever entered an emergency room and been seen by a Trauma Surgeon, chances are you have serious injuries that are life-threatening and need special treatment.

Trauma surgeons and ER doctors are both vital to the controlled chaos associated with the environment of an emergency room. And both respond to emergencies at hand. But since their skill sets are different, their roles are distinct.

UNIQUE SKILL SET OF A TRAUMA SURGEON

Saving a life and preventing permanent organ damage are the primary objectives. A misstep could be costly

Demonstrate extraordinary social skills.

Express high levels of compassion and empathy, juggling medical treatment with unpredictable emotions of the patient.

Proceed with treatment even if the patient doesn't remember what happened, or can't communicate at all.

Make rapid and confident treatment

assessments.

Treat injuries while thinking three or four steps ahead.

Determine if immediate surgery is required, or if patient can be transferred to ICU for further treatment and observation.

Think linearly so wounds are treated in the correct order - stop bleeding first; eliminate threat of contamination from open wounds.

STEPS TO BECOMING A LICENSED AND CERTIFIED TRAUMA SURGEON



