

### **Alt Text Description for Northwestern Pathology PSTP Program Structure**

PSTP program participants start the program by either completing 2.5 years of structured Anatomic Pathology residency training, 3.5 years of structured combined Anatomic Pathology and Clinical Pathology residency training, or 2.5 years of structured Clinical Pathology residency training.

After residency training, program participants either take the Anatomic Pathology and/or Clinical Pathology Board Exam while pursuing two years of research training.

Post research training, participants move on to clinical fellowship training, and then take their chosen subspecialty board exam.

At some point during the program, PSTP applicants will apply for extramural research support, such as an NIH K award or equivalent.

It is notable that the sequence and timing of research and clinical fellowship training are flexible. Some trainees performed clinical fellowship training before research training. The length of research training is also flexible, with a maximum of two years of research fellowship support from the department.