Eligibility and Selection Policy for ACGME-Accredited Training Programs

Eligibility

Applicants with one of the following qualifications are eligible for appointment to ACGME-accredited programs at University of California, Davis Health System (UCDHS):

1. Graduates of medical schools in the United States and Canada accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)
2. Graduates of colleges of osteopathic medicine in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (AOACOA)
3. Graduates of medical schools outside the United States and Canada who meet one of the following qualifications:
   1) Holding a currently valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates prior to appointment
   2) Holding a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in California

** Permanent residents, refugees or asylees must provide proof of resident alien status and have the legal right to work in the United States.

** International medical graduates who are not yet eligible for licensure and wish to participate in postgraduate training in California must have a current Postgraduate Training Authorization Letter (PTAL) at the time they commence postgraduate training.

4. Graduates of medical schools outside the United States who have completed a Fifth Pathway program provided by an LCME-accredited medical school.

Residency Programs

All prerequisite post-graduate clinical education required for initial entry or transfer into ACGME-accredited residency programs must be completed in:

1. ACGME-accredited residency programs, or
2. APA-approved residency programs, or
3. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)-accredited, or College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)-accredited residency programs located in Canada, or
4. Residency programs with ACGME-International (ACGME-I) Advanced Specialty Accreditation

**Residency programs must receive verification of each applicant’s level of competency in the required clinical field using ACGME or CanMEDS Milestones assessments from the prior training program upon matriculation.
A physician who has completed a residency program that was not accredited by ACGME, RCPSC, or CFPC may enter an ACGME-accredited residency program in the same specialty at the PGY-1 level and, at the discretion of the program director at the ACGME-accredited program may be advanced to the PGY-2 level based on ACGME Milestones assessments at the ACGME-accredited program. This provision applies only to entry into residency in those specialties for which an initial clinical year is not required for entry.

Resident Eligibility Exception:
An ACGME-accredited residency program may accept an exceptionally qualified international graduate applicant who does not satisfy the ACGME eligibility requirements listed in CPR III.A.1.-III.A.3., but who does meet California Medical Board Requirements and all of the following additional qualifications and conditions:

1) evaluation by the program director and residency selection committee of the applicant’s suitability to enter the program, based on prior training and review of the summative evaluations of this training; and,
2) review and approval of the applicant’s exceptional qualifications by the GMEC; and,
3) verification of Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification.

**Applicants accepted through this exception must have an evaluation of their performance by the Clinical Competency Committee within 12 weeks of matriculation.

Fellowship Programs

All required clinical education for entry into ACGME-accredited fellowship programs must be completed in a(n):

1. ACGME-accredited residency program, or
2. AOA-approved residency program, or
3. program with ACGME International (ACGME-I) Advanced Specialty Accreditation, or
4. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)- accredited or College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)-accredited residency program located in Canada

**this applies to all ACGME Fellowship programs except Neurologic Surgery
(and possibly Surgery, RRC decision 10/2018)

** Fellowship programs must receive verification of each entering fellow’s level of competence in the required field, upon matriculation, using ACGME, ACGME-I, or CanMEDS Milestones evaluations from the core residency program
All required clinical education for entry into ACGME-accredited Neurologic Surgery (and possibly Surgery) fellowship programs must be completed in an:

1. ACGME-accredited residency program, or
2. AOA-approved residency program

** Fellowship programs must receive verification of each entering fellow’s level of competence in the required field, upon matriculation, using ACGME Milestones evaluations from the core residency program 

(An ACGME Subspecialty Review Committee may further specify prerequisite postgraduate clinical education)

Fellow Eligibility Exception

**This exception is not applicable to fellowship programs in:
- Neurologic Surgery
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Thoracic Surgery
- Urology
- (and possibly Surgery)

An ACGME-accredited fellowship program may accept an exceptionally qualified international graduate applicant who does not satisfy the ACGME eligibility requirements listed in CPR III.A.1., but who does meet California Medical Board Requirements and all of the following additional qualifications and conditions:

1) evaluation by the program director and fellowship selection committee of the applicant’s suitability to enter the program, based on prior training and review of the summative evaluations of this training in the core specialty; and,
2) review and approval of the applicant’s exceptional qualifications by the GMEC; and,
3) verification of Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification.

** Applicants accepted through this exception must have an evaluation of their performance by the Clinical Competency Committee within 12 weeks of matriculation.

Applicants for ACGME-accredited fellowship positions must be eligible for, and obtain prior to the start of training, a valid California medical license. (Exceptions must be approved by GMEC, the DIO, and CMO.)

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