

Augusta University  
House Staff Policies and Procedures

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HS 14.0 House Officer Eligibility and Selection

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Graduate Medical Education Office

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1.0 Purpose

To officially define Graduate Medical Education eligibility requirements for the Residency Programs at Augusta University.

2.0 Procedure

The following procedure will be followed by Residency Program officials in evaluating applicant eligibility for residency positions and the selection of qualified candidates.

2.1 Eligibility Requirements:

Individuals with the following qualifications are eligible for Residency Programs at Augusta University:

2.1.1 Graduates of Medical Schools in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education;

2.1.2 Graduates of Osteopathic Schools in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association;

2.1.3 Graduates of Medical Schools outside of the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico AND;

2.1.4 Possess a current Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certificate, valid through the start date of the Program;

2.1.5 Possess one of the following:

- J1 Visa (exchange visitor), or will consider/review applications on a case by case basis for those who require sponsorship in other non-immigrant categories such as H1B, with final determination made by the Senior Associate Dean for GME and VA Affairs. If a resident is on an H1B visa and is approved for a resident program, there is a fee for the H1B petition that the Program must pay annually.
- Before discussing sponsorship with a candidate, contact the GME Office for advice/instructions 1-7005
- Valid Permanent Resident status, or
- Valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD).

2.2 Graduates of medical schools outside the United States who have completed a Fifth Pathway program, which is an academic year of supervised clinical education provided by a LCME accredited medical school to students who meet the following conditions:

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*The term House Officer is used as a generic term to include interns, residents and fellows in an approved ACGME Residency Training Program at*

*Augusta University*

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- 2.2.1 Must present a valid copy of Fifth Pathway Certificate.
  - 2.2.2 Completed an accredited college or university in the United States, undergraduate premedical education of the quality acceptable for matriculation in an accredited United States medical school.
  - 2.2.3 Studied at a medical school outside the United States and Canada but listed in the World Health Organization Directory of Medical Schools at the time of graduation.
  - 2.2.4 Completed all of the formal requirements of the foreign medical school except internship and/or social service.
  - 2.2.5 Attained a score satisfactory to the sponsoring medical school on a screening examination.
  - 2.2.6 Passed either the Foreign Medical Graduate examination in the Medical Sciences, Parts I and II of the examination of the National Board of Medical Examiners, or steps 1 and 2 of the United States Medical Licensing Examinations (USMLE);
- 2.3 Program Requirements
- 2.3.1 Programs must select from eligible applicants and must not discriminate based on race, sex, age, religion, color, national origin, disability or veteran status.
  - 2.3.2 It is strongly urged that Programs participate in a House Officer matching organization such as the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP).
  - 2.3.3 Obtain a valid unrestricted Georgia medical license or valid Temporary Training Permit.

Enrollment of non-eligible applicants may be cause for the withdrawal of the involved program.



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