

# The Medical College of Georgia

## House Staff Policies and Procedures

### Policy

**HS 14.0 House Officer Eligibility and Selection**

### Source

**Graduate Medical Education Office**

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#### 1.0 Purpose

To officially define Graduate Medical Education eligibility requirements for the Residency Programs at the Medical College of Georgia

#### 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 the Medical College of Georgia:

- 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 Posses 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:
  - J Visa (exchange visitor), or
  - 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:

- 2.2.1 Must present valid copy of 5th 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)

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#### 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.
- 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 accreditation of the involved program.

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