

Resident Eligibility Requirements
University of Wisconsin-Department of Family Medicine and Community Health (DFMCH)

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Scope:

This policy pertains to residency programs administered by the DFMCH located in Baraboo, Eau Claire/Augusta, Madison, and Wausau.

Purpose:

- To establish uniform resident eligibility criteria across programs.
- To ensure compliance with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), and the National Matching Service (NMS)

Policy Guidelines:

Eligibility Requirements

1. To be considered for a resident position in a DFMCH-sponsored residency program, applicants must have passed all required components of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) or the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX) within two attempts and within the last five years.
2. Applicants must also be able to meet one of the following medical school graduation qualifications prior to the first day of appointment for residency training:
 - Graduate of a medical school in the United States or Canada accredited by the Liaison Committee on Graduate Medical Education (LCME).
 - Graduate of a college of osteopathic medicine in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).
 - Graduate of a medical school outside the United States or Canada who:
 - (1) Holds a currently valid certificate from the Educational Council on Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), OR
 - (2) Has a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a United States licensing jurisdiction in which they are training.
 - Graduate of a medical school outside of the United States who has completed a Fifth Pathway program provided by an LCME-accredited medical school.
3. Graduates of medical schools outside of the United States must be able to provide documentation of the following requirements prior to the first day of appointment for residency training:
 - Be a United States citizen, a lawful permanent USA resident with a resident alien permit or green card, or be eligible for a J-1 visa sponsored by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). (Please note: The Wausau program does not accept J1 visas).
 - Be ECFMG certified, which documents the readiness of international medical graduates to enter US residency programs accredited by the ACGME by meeting specific medical education credential requirements and examination requirements.
 - Have a passing score on USMLE Step I and Step II exams within two attempts, and within the last five years.

Responsibilities

4. The DFMCH Graduate Medical Education Committee is responsible for:
 - Ensuring compliance with eligibility requirements in all DFMCH-administered programs. This will be accomplished by:
 - Periodic review of program policies and systems at GMEC meetings
 - Reports as requested
 - Process to confirm eligibility of new residents prior to the first day of appointment for residency training
 - Staying current on eligibility requirements of the ACGME and AOA.
5. Each local Program Director is responsible for:
 - Ensuring that residents selected for their program provide documentation of fully meeting the eligibility requirements outlined above, prior to the first day of appointment for residency training.
 - Informing faculty, residents and staff involved in resident recruitment, about DFMCH eligibility requirements.

References:

- *Resident Recruitment and Selection Policy*
- Local program resident selection policies/procedures
- ACGME website – <http://www.acgme.org>
- AOA website – <http://www.osteopathic.org>
- ECFMG website – <http://www.ecfmg.org>

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Institutional Requirements:

- IV.A.1.** Eligibility and Selection of Residents/Fellows: The Sponsoring Institution must have written policies and procedures for resident/fellow recruitment and appointment, and must monitor each of its ACGME-accredited programs for compliance. (Core)
- IV.A.2.** An applicant must meet one of the following qualifications to be eligible for appointment to an ACGME-accredited program: (Core)
- IV.A.2.a)** graduation from a medical school in the United States or Canada, accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME); or, (Core)
- IV.A.2.b)** graduation from a college of osteopathic medicine in the United States, accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA); or, (Core)
- IV.A.2.c)** graduation from a medical school outside of the United States or Canada, and meeting one of the following additional qualifications: (Core)
- IV.A.2.c).(1)** holds a currently-valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates prior to appointment; or, (Core)
 - IV.A.2.c).(2)** holds a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a United States Licensing jurisdiction in his or her current ACGME specialty/subspecialty program; or, (Core)
 - IV.A.2.c).(3)** has graduated from a medical school outside the United States and has completed a Fifth Pathway** program provided by an LCME-accredited

medical school. (Core)

**** Footnote for IV.A.2.c).(3):** A Fifth Pathway program is an academic year of supervised clinical education provided by an LCME-accredited medical school to students who meet the following conditions: (1) have completed, in 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) have studied at a medical school outside the United States and Canada but listed in the World Health Organization Directory of Medical Schools; (3) have completed all of the formal requirements of the foreign medical school except internship and/or social service; (4) have attained a score satisfactory to the sponsoring medical school on a screening examination; and (5) have 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 Examination (USMLE).

Common Program Requirements:

III.A. Eligibility Criteria

The program director must comply with the criteria for resident eligibility as specified in the Institutional Requirements.