

Policy #: 001.000
Policy Title: Qualifications of Applicants
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Purpose

Florida International University (FIU) maintains that applicants must meet the qualifications delineated by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to become resident physicians for its ACGME-accredited residency programs.

This policy addresses ACGME Institutional Requirement *IV.A.2. Qualifications of Applicants*.

Definitions

Applicant: An MD or DO invited to interview with FIU's ACGME-accredited programs.

ECFMG Number: The identification number assigned by the Educational Commission of Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) to each international medical graduate physician who receives a certification from ECFMG.

Electronic Resident Application Service (ERAS): The centralized online application service used to deliver residency applications, along with supporting documentation, to residency programs.

International Medical Graduate (IMG): A graduate from a medical school outside the United States and Canada, not accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. IMGs may be citizens or permanent residents of the United States who do not require visa sponsorship to work in the United States.

LCME: Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which accredits medical education programs leading to the MD degree in the United States and in collaboration with the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS), in Canada.

Background

Applicants must meet certain qualifications for participation and appointment in the accredited residency program. In order to determine that all applicants meet the necessary qualifications, the selection of residents for the ACGME-accredited program is facilitated by ERAS.

Policy

Applicants with one of the following qualifications are eligible for appointment to FIU's ACGME-accredited residency programs:

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.

3. Graduates of medical schools outside the United States and Canada [i.e. International Medical Graduates (IMG)] who meet one of the following qualifications:
 - a. An applicant who currently has a valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates;
 - b. An applicant who has a full unrestricted license to practice medicine in a US licensing jurisdiction; or
 - c. Graduates of medical schools outside the United States who have completed a Fifth Pathway* program provided by an LCME-accredited medical school.

Procedure

Application:

1. Only applicants who meet the eligibility requirements determined at the sole discretion of FIU for the Primary Care Internal Medicine Program will be considered.
2. Applicants must use ERAS to submit supporting credentials directly to the Program Director. The application packet must include the following:
 - a. Application form
 - b. Letters of recommendation
 - c. Medical school performance evaluation/Dean's letter
 - d. Medical school transcript
 - e. Personal statement
 - f. United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) or Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX) transcript
 - g. Educational Commission of Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) status report (for IMGs)

Related Policies

Resident Recruitment and Selection

*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. Students who 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. Students who have studied at a medical school outside the United States and Canada but and the school is listed in the World Health Organization Directory of Medical Schools;
3. Students who have completed all of the formal requirements of the foreign medical school except internship and/or social service;
4. Students who have attained a score satisfactory to the sponsoring medical school on a screening examination; and
5. Students who 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).

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