

<b>Policy #:</b> 001.002
<b>Policy Title:</b> 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 trainees for its ACGME-accredited graduate medical education programs.

This policy addresses ACGME Institutional Requirement *IV.B.2 Resident/Fellow Appointments*.

### Definitions

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

**Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (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.

**Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME):** A governing body, 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 ACGME-accredited training program. In order to determine that all applicants meet the necessary qualifications, the selection of trainees for graduate medical education (GME) programs is facilitated by ERAS.

### Policy

#### **Qualifications**

Applicants with one of the following qualifications are eligible for appointment to FIU's ACGME-accredited GME 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 (ECFMG);
  - b. An applicant who has a full unrestricted license to practice medicine in a US licensing jurisdiction in which the ACGME program is located.

All prerequisite post-graduate clinical education required for initial entry or transfer into ACGME-accredited GME programs must be completed in ACGME-accredited GME programs, AOA approved GME programs, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)-accredited or College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)-accredited GME programs located in Canada, or in GME programs with ACGME International (ACGME-I) Advanced Specialty Accreditation.

GME programs must receive verification of each trainee’s level of competency in the required clinical field using ACGME, CanMEDS, or ACGME-I Milestones evaluations from the prior training program upon matriculation.

A physician who has completed a training program that was not accredited by ACGME, AOA, RCPSC, CFPC, or ACGME-I (with Advanced Specialty Accreditation) may enter an ACGME-accredited training program in the same specialty at the PGY-1 level and, at the discretion of the program director of the ACGME-accredited program and with approval by the GMEC, may be advanced to the PGY-2 level based on ACGME Milestones evaluations at the ACGME accredited program. This provision applies only to entry into GME programs in those specialties for which an initial clinical year is not required for entry.

**Trainee Transfers**

The GME program must obtain verification of previous educational experiences and a summative competency-based performance evaluation prior to acceptance of a transferring trainee, and Milestones evaluations upon matriculation.

**Related Policies**

Trainee Recruitment and Selection

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