

West Virginia University School of Public Health Graduate Medical Education Policy on Qualifications of applicants

Applicants are expected to meet the uniform requirements for graduate medical education in the United States including successful completion of at least 12 months of clinical education in a residency program accredited by the ACGME, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC). Resident experience must include at least 11 months of direct patient care in both inpatient and outpatient settings. However, preference is given to applicants with more than one year of clinical training and ideally those already possessing board certification in fields such as Family Medicine or Internal Medicine.

International medical graduates are expected to meet uniform requirements for IMG's (ECFMG).

Passing scores on USMLE Steps 1, 2, 3 (***all three (3) steps required before admission is offered***)

Incoming residents who already possess an MPH degree will not be required to complete WVU's MPH degree. Each such resident is evaluated on a case-by-case basis upon entry into the program, and will be required to complete select courses not included in their MPH, such as Industrial Hygiene, Toxicology, and Occupational Safety as well as any other coursework deemed to be required to meet the requirements of the American Board of Preventive Medicine.

Since all residents start at the PGY-2 level, they are regarded as having transferred from their previous program. Therefore, the Program Director must obtain:

- a written or electronic verification of the prior educational experience, and
- a summative, competency-based performance evaluation of the transferring resident.
- verification of the resident's level of competency in the required clinical field using ACGME or CanMEDS Milestones assessments from the prior training program.
- This information, together with the application, must be sent to the SPH GME Office for review by the DIO. Only after approval can the position being offered to the applicant.

Funding for the training of residents in occupational medicine is made possible through a Training Project Grant from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). This grant requires matriculating residents be US citizens or permanent residents. Non-NIOSH sponsored training slots are available for those with outside funding who are offered positions.

Applicants must be eligible to meet West Virginia medical licensure requirements as follows:

Resident Doctor Licensure Requirements Policy:

It is the policy at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center that all residents obtain an unrestricted West Virginia Medical License as soon as they are eligible to do so under state law.

For MD degree applicants, WV Board of Medicine requires passage of all three steps of the USMLE examination within a ten-year period. Graduates of US and Canadian medical schools are eligible for licensure after successful completion of one year of postgraduate education. They are required to take, and pass, USMLE Step 3 by the end of their second postgraduate year. These residents will not be advanced to a third year unless they have passed all steps of the USMLE and have applied for West Virginia licensure. It is expected that a resident will obtain the license within 90 days of the initial application.

Graduates of medical schools outside the US and Canada must take, and pass, USMLE Step 3 before the completion of their second year. They will not be advanced to the third year unless they have passed all steps of the USMLE. Following completion of three years of postgraduate training, they must have applied for West Virginia licensure. It is expected that a resident will obtain the license within 90 days of the initial application.

Exceptions for extension to these deadlines must be approved by the GMEC and the DIO.

Doctors of Medicine:

West Virginia Board of Medicine

101 Dee Drive

Charleston, WV 25311

(304) 348-2921 or (304) 558-2921

Doctors of Osteopathy participating in residency programs at WVU School of Medicine are also required to be licensed by the State of West Virginia when they are first eligible. They must have passed all three parts of the COMLEX to qualify for this license. They will not be advanced to the PGY-3 level unless a passing COMLEX level 3 score is provided. They must complete the licensure application by the end of the PG 2 year and will not be provided a PG 3 contract without proof of application. It is expected that a resident will obtain the license within 90 days of initial application.

Information on rules and regulations, fees, and applications can be obtained from:

State of West Virginia Board of Osteopathy

334 Penco Road

Weirton, WV 26062

(304) 723-4638

Approved by GMEC February 5, 2016