



GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE POLICY NO. 02

- A. SUBJECT: Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection and Appointment of Graduate Medical Education Trainees
- B. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 19, 2023 (R)
- C. POLICY: Policy on Recruitment and Selection of Graduate Medical Education Trainees

The University of Virginia Medical Center Graduate Medical Education (GME) Programs shall seek to provide all resident and fellow (hereinafter “GME Trainees”) applicants the right to a fair application process based on the criteria required by the accreditation organizations and/or specialty board in addition to the criteria set forth by the individual residency and fellowship programs.

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GME Trainee Eligibility

1. The ACGME accredited training programs must adhere to the GME Trainee eligibility requirements set forth by the ACGME’s Institutional, Common and Specialty specific program requirements. GME programs granted eligibility exceptions by their specialty Review Committee must seek the GMEC approval before submitting an offer through the Match or directly to the trainee.
2. Non-ACGME accredited programs or non-accredited programs must follow relevant GME policies and any eligibility requirements set forth by their accreditation organization and the specialty certifying board when applicable.

GME Trainee Recruitment

1. All candidates invited to interview for resident/fellow positions must be informed, in writing or electronic means, of the terms, conditions, and benefits of their appointment to the GME program, either in effect at the time of the interview or that will be in effect at the time of their eventual appointment.

2. The program, in partnership with its Sponsoring Institution, must engage in practices that focus on mission-driven, ongoing, systematic recruitment and retention of a diverse and inclusive workforce of residents and fellows.

GME Trainee Selection

1. Each program must ensure that it selects GME Trainees from among eligible applicants based on the applicants' readiness, ability, aptitude, academic credentials, communication skills, and personal qualities such as motivation and integrity. Programs must not discriminate with regard to age, color, disability, marital status, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, veteran status, and family medical or genetic information in the selection of GME Trainees.
2. In selecting from among qualified applicants, ACGME-accredited residency programs should participate in an organized matching program if available, such as the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) or San Francisco Matching Program, and adhere to its policies.
3. ACGME-accredited fellowship programs should follow any specialty requirements to participate in the Match.
4. The program director of any GME program accepting GME Trainees transferring from other programs must obtain written or electronic verification of previous educational experiences and a summative competency-based performance evaluation of the transferring graduate medical trainee.

GME Trainee Appointment

Once selected either through the NRMP or other matching program or by individual offer, the GME trainee will be appointed according to the terms outlined in the [UVA Health GME Contract](#).

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