Eligibility

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Statement
Candidates being considered for selection in Residency training programs must be able to meet Eligibility requirements by the time of appointment.

Associated Policy(ies)
Agreement of Appointment
Immigration for Physician Trainees

Responsible Positions (Title)
Residents/Fellows

Equipment Needed
None

Procedure Steps, Guidelines, Rules, or Reference
1. Residency applicants must be a US citizen, permanent resident or eligible for an appropriate VISA and meet one of the following qualifications to be eligible for appointment to an accredited residency program:
   a) Graduates of Medical Schools in the United States or Canada accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).
   b) Graduates of colleges of Osteopathic Medicine in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).
   c) Graduates of Medical Schools outside the United States or Canada who have received a currently valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates.
   d) Graduates of Medical Schools outside the United States who have completed a Fifth Pathway program provided by an LCME- accredited Medical School.

2. Fellowship applicants must have successfully completed an ACGME accredited residency.

3. Residents/Fellows who are not citizens of the U.S. must have immigration authorization under the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program. Only in very rare and unusual situations will a request for exception be considered. Such an exception requires approval in advance by the DIO.

References
ACGME Institutional Requirements
ACGME Common Program Requirements