

Eligibility and Selection Policy

ACGME Eligibility Requirements

Applicants with **one** of the following qualifications are eligible for appointment to ACGME-accredited programs at University of California, Davis Health System:

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 Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (AOACOCA)
3. Graduates of medical schools outside the United States and Canada who meet one of the following qualifications:
 - 1) Holding a currently valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates prior to appointment
 - 2) Holding a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in California

Specialty (Residency) Program-Specific ACGME Eligibility Requirements

All prerequisite post-graduate clinical education required for initial entry or transfer into ACGME-accredited residency programs must be completed in:

1. ACGME-accredited residency programs; or
2. AOA-approved residency programs; or
3. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)-accredited, or College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)-accredited residency programs located in Canada; or
4. Residency programs with ACGME-International (ACGME-I) Advanced Specialty Accreditation

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

- An ACGME Specialty Review Committee may further specify prerequisite postgraduate clinical education

Resident Eligibility Exception

For a specialty that requires completion of a prerequisite residency program prior to admission (Allergy/Immunology, Colon and Rectal Surgery, Nuclear Medicine, Preventive Medicine) an ACGME-accredited residency program may accept an exceptionally qualified international graduate applicant who does not satisfy the ACGME eligibility requirements listed in CPR III.A.4, but who does meet California Medical Board Requirements and **all** of the following additional qualifications and conditions:

1. evaluation by the program director and residency selection committee of the applicant's suitability to enter the program, based on prior training and review of the summative evaluations of this training; and,
 2. review and approval of the applicant's exceptional qualifications by the GMEC; and,
 3. verification of Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification.
- Applicants accepted through this exception must have an evaluation of their performance by the Clinical Competency Committee within 12 weeks of matriculation.

Subspecialty (Fellowship) Program-Specific Eligibility Requirements

All required clinical education for entry into ACGME-accredited fellowship programs must be completed in a(n):

1. ACGME-accredited residency program, or
 2. AOA-approved residency program, or
 3. program with ACGME International (ACGME-I) Advanced Specialty Accreditation, or
 4. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)- accredited or College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)-accredited residency program located in Canada
- This applies to all ACGME Fellowship programs **except** Neurologic Surgery

Fellowship programs **must** receive verification of each entering fellow's level of competence in the required field, upon matriculation, using ACGME, ACGME-I, or CanMEDS Milestones evaluations from the core residency program.

There are a few scenarios in which these reports may not be available in ADS, such as if a fellow completed residency in a program not accredited by the ACGME, a fellow completed residency prior to Milestones implementation, or a fellow's previous experience could not be matched when entered into the program. For those without Milestones reports, programs must contact the specialty program director from the fellow's most recent residency program to obtain the required information.

All required clinical education for entry into ACGME-accredited Neurologic Surgery fellowship programs must be completed in an:

1. ACGME-accredited residency program, or
2. AOA-approved residency program

Fellowship programs must receive verification of each entering fellow's level of competence in the required field, upon matriculation, using ACGME Milestones evaluations from the core residency program

- An ACGME Subspecialty Review Committee may further specify prerequisite postgraduate clinical education)

Fellow Eligibility Exception

This exception is not applicable to fellowship programs in:

- ☐ Neurologic Surgery
- ☐ Surgery
- ☐ Thoracic Surgery

An ACGME-accredited fellowship program may accept an exceptionally qualified international graduate applicant who does not satisfy the ACGME eligibility requirements listed in CPR III.A.1., but who does meet California Medical Board Requirements and **all** of the following additional qualifications and conditions:

1. evaluation by the program director and fellowship selection committee of the applicant's suitability to enter the program, based on prior training and review of the summative evaluations of this training in the core specialty; and,
 2. review and approval of the applicant's exceptional qualifications by the GMEC; and,
 3. verification of Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification.
- Applicants accepted through this exception must have an evaluation of their performance by the Clinical Competency Committee within 12 weeks of matriculation.

Applicants for ACGME-accredited fellowship positions must be eligible for, and obtain prior to the start of training, a valid California medical license. (Exceptions must be approved by GMEC and the DIO)

Permanent residents, refugees or asylees must provide proof of resident alien status and have the legal right to work in the United States.

California Licensure Requirements

Medical Education Requirement

To be eligible for licensure in California, an applicant must have received all of their medical school education from and graduated from a(n):

1. U.S. or Canadian medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME), the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools, or the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation; or LCME Accredited U.S. Programs.
2. Foreign medical school which has been evaluated by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) or one of the ECFMG authorized foreign medical school accreditation agencies and deemed to meet the minimum requirements substantially equivalent to the requirements of medical schools accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools, or the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation.

The foreign medical school must be listed on the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) and the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) World Directory of Medical Schools joint directory, or the World Directory of Medical Schools; or World Directory of Medical Schools.

3. Foreign medical school that has been approved by the Medical Board of California.

Post-Graduate Training License (PTL)

A PTL is required for training in an ACGME-Accredited training program for those who do not qualify for a Physician's and Surgeon's License.

An applicant may apply for a PTL if they have:

1. graduated from a California Medical Board-approved medical school;
2. passed all required examinations;
3. enrolled in a California ACGME-accredited residency program; **and**
4. have not completed either 12-months (U.S. or Canadian medical school graduates) or 24-months (international medical school graduates) of Board-approved postgraduate training.

A PTL must be obtained from the Medical Board of California within 180 days after enrollment in an ACGME-accredited postgraduate training program in California.

- If the PTL is not issued within 180 days of commencing ACGME-accredited training in California, all clinical activities must cease until the license is issued.

A PTL is valid for 12 months for U.S. or Canadian medical school graduates or 24 months for international medical school graduates only while enrolled in a California ACGME-accredited postgraduate training program. The PTL is not renewable.

The Board may issue a PTL for up to 90 days after a resident has received credit for either 12 or 24 months of Board-approved postgraduate training and continues enrollment in a California ACGME-accredited postgraduate training program.

- If a Physician's and Surgeon's License is not obtained by the PTL expiration date, the physician must cease all clinical services in California.

The program director may request an extension of the PTL due to a resident's status change. The program director is required to submit a Program Status Update/Change Form, Forms PSU1-PSU2, to the Board within 30 days of any status change. Changes that may affect the PTL expiration date include, but are not limited to, probation, remediation, leave of absence, transfers, resignation, or termination prior to the program's anticipated end date.

Physician's and Surgeon's License

A PTL holder who receives credit for either 12 months (U.S. and Canadian medical school graduates) or 24 months (international medical school graduates) of Board-approved postgraduate training with at least four months of general medicine training, may apply for a Physician's and Surgeon's License through the transition process.

To allow sufficient time for processing and remediating application deficiencies, applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their online Application to Transition from a PTL to a Physician's and Surgeon's License, utilizing BreEZe Online Services, 6 months prior to receiving 12/24 months of credit from a Board-approved postgraduate training program.

A resident or fellow that has received credit for 12 months (U.S. and Canadian medical school graduates) or 24 months (international medical school graduates) of Board-approved postgraduate training in another state or in Canada and is accepted into a California ACGME-accredited postgraduate training program, **must** obtain a Physician's and Surgeon's License within 90 days after beginning the postgraduate training program. If they do not obtain a P&S License, the physician must cease all clinical service at the end of the 90 days.

A fellow that is accepted into a Non-ACGME-accredited training program must obtain a Physician's and Surgeon's License prior to the start of training. There are no grace periods and a PTL is not permitted.