University of Kentucky Graduate Medical Education: Information for Post-Graduate Training Candidates

Congratulations on being selected to interview at the University of Kentucky. Please review the information below from the University of Kentucky Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office regarding post-graduate training at the University of Kentucky.

If you match into or are selected for a position in a University of Kentucky GME training program, you will be required to:

- Attend GME orientation in its entirety during mid-June for PGY1 and early July for PGY2+.
- Pass a pre-appointment drug screen and background check.
- Meet any health requirements, including state, federal, or university health mandates.
- Complete the Veterans Administration (VA) fingerprinting process prior to or during GME orientation, if applicable for programs with VA rotations.
- Physicians must pass all portions of USMLE or COMLEX Steps/Levels 1 and 2 prior to starting a residency or fellowship program.
- All residents and fellows must be Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certified through an American Heart Association (AHA)-accredited program before starting training, except those in Pastoral Care, Health Administration, and Optometry. Pediatrics and Pediatric Dentistry may substitute Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and Neonatology fellows may substitute Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) certification.
- All residents and fellows must have a personal cellular device for clinical care activities.
- Be registered with the Selective Service System, *if you are male and were born after December 31, 1959*, unless you meet specific exclusion criteria as defined by the Selective Service System. Further details are available at: https://www.sss.gov/register/
- Be licensed to practice in Kentucky ***before*** your residency or fellowship start date, as applicable. Medical school graduates without prior GME training who are beginning the first year of residency are not licensed in the state of Kentucky. All physicians with prior Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited GME training **must** be licensed. Pharmacy and Dentistry residents **must** be licensed at the PGY1 level. All Dentistry residents must be licensed **before** starting training. Pharmacy residents will complete licensure in the fall of their PGY1 year. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have met all licensure requirements and submitted all applications in a timely manner. You will not be permitted to start your program or receive a contract until your applicable license is issued. Questions and application requests may be directed to the appropriate licensure board listed below:

  Medical: https://www.kbml.ky.gov or (502) 429-7150
  Pharmacy: http://www.pharmacy.ky.gov/ or (502) 564-7910
  Dental: https://dentistry.ky.gov/ or (502) 429-7280

  Eligibility for licensure in Kentucky may be adversely impacted by any of the following: voluntary or involuntary withdrawal or dismissal from a school, training program, or medical staff; suspension, probation, or reprimand by a school, training program, or medical staff; involvement in a medical malpractice suit with a judgment or settlement; voluntary or involuntary withdrawal, relinquishment, suspension, termination, restriction, or limitation of a license or registration to practice any profession; voluntary or involuntary revocation or suspension of membership in any local, state, or national association or society; felony or misdemeanor conviction in a state, federal, or international court; investigations by any state or federal agency; or current involvement in any investigation.

You must discuss any potential concerns regarding licensure with the Program Director at the time of your interview.

Additional information:

- Visas: Residents and fellows are sponsored on J-1 visas through the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. Please access the ECFMG website at www.ecfmg.org for information about visa requirements.
- Contracts are not issued until completion of GME orientation and primary source verification of credentials confirming that you have completed the prerequisite education and training required to enter a post-graduate medical training program.
- The only name that may be used for training-related activities is the name listed on your Social Security card. You will be required to provide a signed copy of your Social Security card. If you need to request a new card or a name change, instructions are available at www.ssa.gov.
- The University of Kentucky is a tobacco-free institution. Relevant information may be viewed at: http://www.uky.edu/TobaccoFree/
- An example of a GME contract can be viewed at: https://medicine.uky.edu/sites/gme/prospective-residents-and-fellows
- Information pertaining to vacation, sick leave, and other leaves of absence, including medical, parental, and caregiver leaves of absence, is linked within the contract and/or accessible via the GME Policy and Procedures Manual: https://medicine.uky.edu/sites/gme/resources
- Current GME stipends can be viewed at: https://medicine.uky.edu/sites/gme/prospective-residents-and-fellows
- Benefits information, including health, dental, and vision benefit options for you and your eligible dependents, professional liability coverage, and disability coverage, is linked within the contract and/or accessible via the GME Policy and Procedures Manual: https://medicine.uky.edu/sites/gme/resources
- Additional information regarding GME training at UK is available on the University of Kentucky GME website: https://medicine.uky.edu/sites/gme
- Eligibility for specialty board examinations: Each American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and other specialty boards have requirements for specialty board examination eligibility. Appointees should reference their respective training program specialty board criteria to determine eligibility for board examination. Refer to your specialty board website for details. Additional information is also available in the GME Policy and Procedure Manual.

I have received and had an opportunity to review this information from the University of Kentucky GME Office.

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Printed Name Signature Date

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