

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 below information from the University of Kentucky Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office relevant to 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 following dates: 3rd full week of June (interns/Post Graduate Year 1 (PGY1)), or 1st week of July (residents/fellows/PGY2 and above). Orientation dates for programs located outside of Lexington, KY may vary; consult with the Program Director for further information.
- Pass a pre-appointment drug screen and background check.
- Meet health measures including a [COVID-19 vaccination](#).
- Complete the Veteran's Administration (VA) fingerprinting process prior to or during GME orientation (for programs with VA rotations)
- Physicians must pass all portions of USMLE or COMLEX 1 and 2 prior to starting residency/fellowship program. **Exceptions to passing the clinical skills exam will be considered for 2021 PGY1 residency candidates due the COVID-19 pandemic and closure of testing centers.*
- All interns, residents and fellows: be Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certified by an American Heart Association (AHA) accredited program before starting your training (with exception of Pastoral Care, Health Administration, Optometry and Student Fellows). Pediatrics and Pediatric Dentistry may substitute Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), and Neonatology fellows may substitute Neonatal Resuscitation (NRP).
- All interns, residents and fellows: have a personal cellular device for clinical care activities.
- Be registered with the Selective Service System, *for all males 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/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** you start your training. Pharmacy residents will have their license completed in the fall of their PGY 1 year. It is your responsibility to make sure that you have met the requirements for licensure and submitted all applications in a timely manner. You will not be permitted to start your program and receive a contract until your applicable license is issued. Questions and application requests may be directed to the appropriate licensure board at the number listed below:

Medical: <http://www.kbml.ky.gov/> or (502) 429-7150

Pharmacy: <http://www.pharmacy.ky.gov/> or (502) 564-7910

Dental: <http://www.dentistry.ky.gov/> or (502) 429-7280

Eligibility for licensure in Kentucky may be adversely impacted by the following: voluntary or involuntary withdrawal or dismissal at a school, training program, or medical staff; suspension, probation or reprimand at a school, training program, or medical staff; involvement in a medical malpractice suit(s) with judgment or settlements; voluntary or involuntary withdrawal, relinquish, suspension, termination, restriction, or limitation of 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, as well as any current involvement in investigations

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

Additional information:

- VISAs: Residents/Fellows are sponsored on J-1 visas through the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. Please access the ECFMG website at www.ecfm.org for information about visa requirements.
- Contracts are not issued until completion of GME orientation and primary source verification of credentials to confirm that you have completed prerequisite education and training required to enter a post-graduate medical training program.
- The only name that can be used for any 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 name change, you can go to 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://gme.med.uky.edu/sites/default/files/Contract.pdf> information pertaining to vacation, sick, and other leaves of absence, disability and other insurance is linked within the contract and/or accessible via the GME Policy and Procedures Manual: <https://medicine.uky.edu/sites/gme/resources>
- Current GME stipend and benefits can be viewed at: <https://medicine.uky.edu/sites/gme/prospective-residents-and-fellows>
**PGY stipend is based on the lowest PGY level eligible to train in a particular specialty or subspecialty and not by individual resident/fellow prior post graduate training experience.*
- Additional information regarding GME training at UK is also available at the University of Kentucky GME website <https://medicine.uky.edu/sites/gme>

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

Printed Name

Signature

Date

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