



Policy Number: GME 33

Policy Title: USMLE/COMLEX Policy

Policy Statement:

The following applies to House Officers in an ACGME Residency or Fellowship Program.

I. Residents

All incoming residents are required to have passed USMLE/COMLEX Step 1 and 2 exams prior to the start of their training program. Residents will not be allowed to begin their training program without the successful completion of these exams.

OHSU GME requires residents to take and pass USMLE/COMLEX Step 3 within 18 months of their start date at OHSU. This timeline may be extended, with approval from the program director and GME, in extenuating circumstances where the resident has had a significant leave of absence or is in remediation.

II. Fellows

All incoming fellows are required to have passed USMLE/COMLEX Steps 1, 2 and 3 prior to the start of their training program. Fellows will not be allowed to start their training program without successful completion of this exam.

III. Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada (LMCC) qualification can substitute for the USMLE steps 1-3 for select fellowship programs.

Policy Owner: Graduate Medical Education Committee

Amendment/Approving Committee: Graduate Medical Education Committee

Additional Resources

Form/Document	Use	Links

Version control

Version	Effective Date	Author	Description of Change
1	12/7/2017		Original
2	4/15/2021	GMEC	Updated for clarity and upon change of Step 2 CS
3	6/16/2022	GMEC	Updated to clarify all steps required for fellows.
4	1/18/2024	GMEC Policy subcommittee	Added Section III about LMCC qualification



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5	11/21/2024		Updated to provide flexibility for Program Directors in extenuating circumstances.
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