

## **POLICY ON QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS**

### **PURPOSE:**

This policy addresses Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) *Institutional Requirement IV.B. Resident/Fellow Appointments*:

*IV.B.1. The Sponsoring Institution must have written policies and procedures for resident/fellow recruitment, selection, eligibility, and appointment consistent with ACGME Institutional and Common Program Requirements, and Recognition Requirements (if applicable), and must monitor each of its ACGME-accredited programs for compliance. (Core)*

*IV.B.2. An applicant must meet one of the following qualifications to be eligible for appointment to an ACGME-accredited program. (Core)*

### **DEFINITIONS:**

See the *NSU Graduate Medical Education Glossary of Terms* dated April 1, 2021; the *ACGME Glossary of Terms* dated April 15, 2020; as well as the *Common Acronyms/Abbreviations Used in Graduate Medical Education* last updated April 4, 2019.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Resident/Fellow physicians must meet certain qualifications for participation and appointment in the accredited residency/fellowship programs at NSU. These qualifications include the accreditation of the medical school, medical licensure, speaking skills, and medical licensing examinations.

### **POLICY:**

Resident/Fellow applicants must meet the following qualifications for appointment to an ACGME-accredited residency program:

- A. Graduation from an accredited and acceptable medical school (MD or DO), as outlined by the Florida Board of Medicine or the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine. If graduation is from an acceptable medical school outside the United States or Canada resident must have the following:
  1. a current, valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) prior to appointment, or
  2. a full, unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of Florida.
- B. The Office of Graduate Medical Education reserves the right to reject any candidate at the point it is determined that they have matriculated from an unacceptable medical school.
- C. Meet the requirements set by the Florida Board of Medicine or Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine for Initial Licensing of Resident Physicians, Interns, Fellows, and House Physicians.
- D. Evidence of passing COMLEX Level 1 and 2/USMLE Step I and II. Fellowship program applicants must provide evidence that they successfully passed COMLEX Level 3/USMLE Step III.
- E. Ability to demonstrate spoken, auditory, reading, and writing proficiency in the English language.
- F. Be able to meet with or without reasonable accommodation, all duties and responsibilities as described in our policy and procedure manual.
- G. Proof of legal employment status (i.e., birth certificate, passport, naturalization papers, valid visa, etc.).

Some program requirements stipulate further qualifications that must be met for eligibility to an ACGME-accredited program at NSU. Additionally, some programs may have more stringent qualification requirements as specified in their individual program manuals.

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