FREIDA™, the AMA Residency & Fellowship Database®

Glossary for Program Information

**Accepting applications for training that begins ___ - ___**
Information is provided about applications to the program for the next academic year, and for the academic year following. Academic years typically start in the summer and last for 12 months.

**Accredited length**
The number of years of training the program is accredited to offer by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

**Additional training or educational experiences**
These include required additional training beyond the accredited length of the program, as well as additional experiences that the program offers, but are not required for completion of the program.

**Affiliated with US government**
Programs that are sponsored by or affiliated with federal agencies, i.e., Air Force, Army, Navy, Public Health Service, or sponsored by the VA.

**Application dates**
The deadline for applications for the next academic year, and the earliest date for which applications will be accepted by the program for the following year, as well as the deadline date.

**Average Step 1 or Level 1 scores (range)**
Programs can provide within a range the average scores of the current residents/fellows.

**Average hours per week on duty**
The average hours worked during the first program year.

**Beeper call**
Beeper or at-home call is on-call time spent away from the institution. Some residents and fellows only have beeper call.

**Characteristics of trainees**
If resident data are made available by the program, percentages of residents who are female, male, USMD, DO and IMG are provided, averaged over 3 years of data.
COMLEX Level 1 and 2
COMLEX Level 1 and 2 scores may be required for interview consideration of DO applicants (graduates of osteopathic medical schools). Some programs post the minimum score they will accept. Some programs may require DO applicants to take the USMLE Step 1 and 2 instead of the COMLEX.

Community-based program
The majority of experience is in a community setting that is not in an academic medical center, or a hospital with a medical school affiliation.

Community-based university affiliated program
The majority of experience is in a community-based hospital that is affiliated with an academic medical center, but is not a primary affiliate of the academic medical center.

Dashboard
Feature available to AMA members that allows users to save programs and add content to programs of interest.

ERAS
Electronic Residency Application Service, by which medical students apply to residency programs through their medical schools; graduates of international medical schools apply through the ECFMG. See www.aamc.org/eras, and www.ecfmg.org/eras.

GME
Graduate medical education, or medical education training taking place after graduation from medical school.

Graduate year
The year of training in accredited graduate medical education, which may or may not correspond with program year. A resident in the first year of training after medical school is a GY1 resident. For example, if a resident has completed training in Internal Medicine, and now is in the first year of a Nephrology programs, the resident would be in his/her 4th Graduate Year, and 1st Program Year.

Hospitalist track
Track or fellowship that provides special training for a career devoted largely to inpatient care.

Visa status
Some programs do not wish to manage visa issues, and are only interested in applicants that have US citizenship or permanent residency. Other programs and institutions are able to accommodate residents on visas. It is always recommended to contact the program for clarification.

Institution
Residency and subspecialty programs must be sponsored by an institution. The sponsoring institution assumes the ultimate responsibility for the program and is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. A participating institution is an institution in which residents rotate for a required experience.

**Interview via video conferencing**

Some programs may interview applicants remotely.

**Last updated**

The date for which all or part of the information appearing for the program was last loaded onto FREIDA.

**Maximum consecutive hours on duty**

The maximum number of consecutive hours a resident/fellow is allowed to be on duty by the program during the first program year.

**Military-based program**

The majority of experience takes place in Army, Air Force, Navy, and Uniformed Services institutions.

**Moonlighting allowed**

Moonlighting is allowed by the program, beyond GY1.

**Most taxing call schedule and frequency**

This is the call schedule that places the resident/fellow in the hospital the most nights for the year. This particular schedule may be maintained for a short period of time, or could be for the entire year. Night float is not part of this call schedule.

**My notes**

Part of the Dashboard – in the My Notes section, users have several opportunities to add personal content to programs of interest, such as: ratings of programs based on research or personal observation, like cultural/personality fit, faculty teaching availability, community type; completing items regarding applying, being offered an interview, interview dates; rating a program overall; intentions to rank a program; and adding comments.

**National Resident Matching Program**

The NRMP matches medical students and residency programs to optimize the rank ordered choices of students and program directors. The NRMP also conducts matches for fellowship positions in more than 60 subspecialties, through its Specialties Matching Services. See [www.nrmp.org](http://www.nrmp.org).

**Night float system**

A rotation where residents only work during the nights (eg, 10pm-8am), with minimal or no daytime duties.
OSCEs
Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs) are patient or computer simulations that are used to provide standardized assessments of residents’ clinical skills.

Osteopathic Recognition and/or is accredited by the ACGME and the AOA
The program has received Osteopathic Recognition from the ACGME, or is a program formerly accredited by the American Osteopathic Association and is now ACGME-accredited.

Other matching program
Programs using another matching program are primarily using the military match, the urological match or the Match for osteopathic programs.

Other program setting
The majority of experience takes place in settings that are not university, community, or military based, such as in foundations, blood banks, research institutions, cancer centers, or private practices.

Participant institution
See Institution.

Part-time/shared positions
Some programs will allow two residents to "share" one position in the program, or allow the resident to progress through the program at a slower pace, or part-time.

Portfolio system
A portfolio is a collection of selected resident/fellow work packaged and organized for easy review and evaluation.

Preliminary positions
Positions for residents who are obtaining training required to enter another program or specialty. Preliminary positions are usually 1 year in length, and usually offered for Graduate Year 1. Internal medicine, surgery, and transitional year programs commonly offer preliminary positions.

Primary care track
Track or separate path solely devoted to primary care medicine.

Primary teaching site
The site that provides the single largest amount of clinical experience for the program.

Program details
Part of the Dashboard – users can add several items from each saved program’s detailed
listing for comparisons between programs.

**Program faculty**
Provides a breakdown of physician, non-physician, full-time and part-time faculty, the percent full-time female physician faculty, and a ratio of faculty to number of resident positions.

**Program size**
The number of resident/fellow positions the program is approved to have.

**Program year**
The year of training in the specialty.

**Ratio of FTE faculty to positions**
This ratio is calculated by adding the number of full-time paid physicians to one-half the number of part-time paid physicians, and dividing this sum by the number of positions in the program.

**Required length**
The accredited length of the program, plus any additional training that is required (not optional) by the program.

**Requires previous GME**
The program requires training in another specialty or in a preliminary position prior to entry. Some programs require all residents to have had previous GME, some programs never require previous GME, some programs in special cases will require previous GME for some residents, and some programs may exempt a resident from the requirement.

**Research rotation**
A research rotation occurring while training in the program, not to be confused with a research track/non-accredited fellowship. Some programs require a research rotation, for others the rotation is optional, or not available.

**Research track/non-accredited fellowship**
A non-accredited research or fellowship year beyond the accredited program length.

**Rural track**
Track or separate path solely devoted to rural primary care medicine.

**San Francisco match**
The San Francisco match provides a matching service for some residency programs and fellowships, primarily surgical. See [www.sfmatch.org](http://www.sfmatch.org).
Specialty in-service/in-training examination
This examination parallels the specialty's board certification examination, and is typically used to provide feedback to the program on the resident's progress.

Sponsor
See Institution.

Survey received
The date the AMA received the program survey which supplies much of the information about the program on FREIDA.

360-degree evaluation
An evaluation of the resident/fellow that is completed by attending faculty, peer residents/fellows, nurses and others that have worked with the trainee.

Twenty-four-hour off duty period
A full 24-hours released from program duties, including beeper or at-home call.

University-based program
The majority of experience takes place in a hospital that serves as a primary affiliate of the medical school.

USMLE Step 1 and Step 2
USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 scores may be required by some programs for interview consideration. Some programs post the minimum score they will accept.

Women's health track
Track or fellowship that provides special training in the area of women's health.