

Completion of Licensing Examinations

All residents enrolled in graduate medical education programs meet eligibility requirements to obtain full medical licensure. An essential parameter for obtaining a medical license is the successful completion of the medical licensing examinations. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that residents enrolled in graduate medical education programs meet eligibility requirements to obtain full medical licensure.

UTRGV will require of its residents the following:

- PGY-1: All residents in ACGME-accredited programs should have passed **USMLE Steps 1, 2 CK, and 2 CS** (or COMLEX, if graduates of an osteopathic medical school), for appointment to a PGY1 position. Graduates of international medical schools must have passed **Steps 1, 2 CK, and 2 CS** of the USMLE, or equivalent Canadian Medical Licensing Examination, and hold a valid ECFMG certificate.
- PGY-3: All residents in ACGME approved programs should successfully complete USMLE **Step 3** (or COMLEX Part 3) examination activities, as evidenced by obtaining a passing grade for that examination, prior to March 1 of the second post-graduate year of attendance in an ACGME approved training program.

Program Directors of ACGME accredited programs are responsible for tracking the progress of residents in their programs.