

Eligibility Exception Decisions by Specialty
[Common Program Requirements](#) Section III.A.

Specialty/Subspecialty	Allow Eligibility Exceptions
Allergy and Immunology*	Yes
Anesthesiology Subspecialties	Yes
Dermatology Subspecialties	Yes
Diagnostic Radiology Subspecialties	Yes
Emergency Medicine Subspecialties	Yes
Family Medicine Subspecialties	Yes
Internal Medicine Subspecialties	Yes
Medical Genetics Subspecialties	No
Neurological Surgery Subspecialties	No
Neurology Subspecialties	No
Nuclear Medicine*	Yes
Obstetrics and Gynecology Subspecialties	No
Ophthalmology Subspecialties	Yes
Orthopaedic Surgery Subspecialties	Yes
Otolaryngology Subspecialties	No
Pathology Subspecialties	Yes
Pediatrics Subspecialties	Yes
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Subspecialties	No
Plastic Surgery Subspecialties	No
Preventive Medicine Subspecialties	Yes
Psychiatry Subspecialties	No
Radiation Oncology Subspecialties	No
Surgery Subspecialties	No
Thoracic Surgery Subspecialties	No
Urology Subspecialties	No

* The Review Committee does allow the exception to the eligibility requirements specified in Section III.A.2.b) for residency programs that require completion of a prerequisite residency program prior to admission.

Common Program Requirements Effective July 1, 2016

Fellow Eligibility Exception Language

- III.A.2.b) Fellow Eligibility Exception
- A Review Committee may grant the following exception to the fellowship eligibility requirements:
- An ACGME-accredited fellowship program may accept an exceptionally qualified applicant**, who does not satisfy the eligibility requirements listed in Sections III.A.2. and III.A.2.a), but who does meet all of the following additional qualifications and conditions: ^(Core)
- III.A.2.b).(1) Assessment by the program director and fellowship selection committee of the applicant's suitability to enter the program, based on prior training and review of the summative evaluations of training in the core specialty; and ^(Core)
- III.A.2.b).(2) Review and approval of the applicant's exceptional qualifications by the GMEC or a subcommittee of the GMEC; and ^(Core)
- III.A.2.b).(3) Satisfactory completion of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Steps 1, 2, and, if the applicant is eligible, 3, and; ^(Core)
- III.A.2.b).(4) For an international graduate, verification of Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification; and, ^(Core)
- III.A.2.b).(5) Applicants accepted by this exception must complete fellowship Milestones evaluation (for the purposes of establishment of baseline performance by the Clinical Competency Committee), conducted by the receiving fellowship program within six weeks of matriculation. This evaluation may be waived for an applicant who has completed an ACGME International-accredited residency based on the applicant's Milestones evaluation conducted at the conclusion of the residency program. ^(Core)
- III.A.2.b).(5).(a) If the trainee does not meet the expected level of Milestones competency following entry into the fellowship program, the trainee must undergo a period of remediation, overseen by the Clinical Competency Committee and monitored by the GMEC or a subcommittee of the GMEC. This period of remediation must not count toward time in fellowship training. ^(Core)

** An exceptionally qualified applicant has (1) completed a non-ACGME-accredited residency program in the core specialty, and (2) demonstrated clinical excellence, in comparison to peers, throughout training. Additional evidence of exceptional qualifications is required, which may include one of the following: (a) participation in additional clinical or research training in the specialty or subspecialty; (b) demonstrated scholarship in the specialty or subspecialty; (c) demonstrated leadership during or after residency training; (d) completion of an ACGME-International-accredited residency program.

[Each Review Committee will decide no later than December 31, 2013 whether the exception specified above will be permitted. If the Review Committee will not allow this exception, the program requirements will include the following statement]:

- III.A.2.c) The Review Committee for _____ does not allow exceptions to the Eligibility Requirements for Fellowship Programs in Section III.A.2. ^(Core)

Eligibility Exception Decisions: Multidisciplinary Subspecialties

Multidisciplinary Subspecialty	Allow Eligibility Exceptions	DO NOT Allow Eligibility Exceptions
Clinical Informatics	Anesthesiology Diagnostic Radiology Emergency Medicine Family Medicine Internal Medicine Pathology Pediatrics Preventive Medicine	Medical Genetics
Dermatopathology	Dermatology Pathology	
Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology	Diagnostic Radiology	Neurological Surgery Neurology
Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery		Obstetrics and Gynecology Urology
Geriatric Medicine	Family Medicine Internal Medicine	
Hand Surgery	Orthopaedic Surgery	Plastic Surgery General Surgery
Hospice and Palliative Medicine	Anesthesiology Family Medicine Internal Medicine Pediatrics	Psychiatry Radiation Oncology
Medical Toxicology	Emergency Medicine Preventive Medicine	
Molecular Genetic Pathology	Pathology	Medical Genetics
Neuromuscular Medicine		Neurology Physical Medicine and Rehab
Pain Medicine	Anesthesiology	Neurology Physical Medicine and Rehab
Sleep Medicine	Internal Medicine Pediatrics	Neurology Psychiatry
Sports Medicine	Emergency Medicine Family Medicine Pediatrics	Physical Medicine and Rehab
Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine	Emergency Medicine Preventive Medicine	

List of Specialties and Subspecialties

Allergy and Immunology

Anesthesiology

Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology
Clinical Informatics*
Critical Care Anesthesiology
Hospice and Palliative Medicine*
Obstetric Anesthesiology
Pain Medicine*
Pediatric Anesthesiology

Colon and Rectal Surgery

Dermatology

Dermatopathology*
Micrographic Surgery and
Dermatologic Oncology

Diagnostic Radiology

Abdominal Radiology
Clinical Informatics*
Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology*
Musculoskeletal Radiology
Neuroradiology
Nuclear Radiology
Pediatric Radiology
Vascular Interventional Radiology

Emergency Medicine

Clinical Informatics*
Emergency Medical Services
Medical Toxicology*
Pediatric Emergency Medicine*
Sports Medicine*
Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine*

Family Medicine

Clinical Informatics*
Geriatric Medicine*
Hospice and Palliative Medicine*
Sports Medicine*

Internal Medicine

Adult Congenital Heart Disease
Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant
Cardiology
Cardiovascular Disease
Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology
Clinical Informatics*
Critical Care Medicine
Endocrinology, Diabetes and
Metabolism
Gastroenterology
Geriatric Medicine*
Hematology
Hematology and Medical Oncology
Hospice and Palliative Medicine*
Infectious Diseases
Internal Medicine-Pediatrics*
Interventional Cardiology
Medical Oncology
Nephrology
Pulmonary Critical Care
Pulmonary Disease
Rheumatology
Sleep Medicine*

Internal Medicine cont.

Transplant Hepatology

Interventional Radiology

Medical Genetics

Clinical Informatics*
Medical Biochemical Genetics
Molecular Genetic Pathology*

Neurological Surgery

Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology*

Neurology

Brain Injury Medicine*
Child Neurology
Clinical Neurophysiology
Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology*
Epilepsy
Neurodevelopmental Disabilities
Neuromuscular Medicine*
Pain Medicine*
Sleep Medicine*
Vascular Neurology

Nuclear Medicine

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Female Pelvic Medicine and
Reconstructive Surgery*
Gynecologic Oncology
Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Reproductive Endocrinology and
Infertility

Ophthalmology

Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive
Surgery

Orthopaedic Surgery

Adult Reconstructive Orthopaedics
Foot and Ankle Orthopaedics
Hand Surgery*
Musculoskeletal Oncology
Orthopaedic Sports Medicine
Orthopaedic Surgery of the Spine
Orthopaedic Trauma
Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery

Otolaryngology

Neurotology
Pediatric Otolaryngology

Pathology

Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine
Chemical Pathology
Clinical Informatics*
Cytopathology
Forensic Pathology
Hematology Pathology
Medical Microbiology
Molecular Genetic Pathology*
Neuropathology
Pediatric Pathology
Selective Pathology

Pediatrics

Adolescent Medicine
Child Abuse
Clinical Informatics*

Pediatrics cont.

Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
Hospice and Palliative Medicine*
Internal Medicine-Pediatrics +
Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
Pediatric Cardiology
Pediatric Critical Care
Pediatric Emergency Medicine
Pediatric Endocrinology
Pediatric Gastroenterology
Pediatric Hematology Oncology
Pediatric Infectious Diseases
Pediatric Nephrology
Pediatric Pulmonology
Pediatric Rheumatology
Pediatric Transplant Hepatology
Sleep Medicine*
Sports Medicine*

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Brain Injury Medicine*
Neuromuscular Medicine*
Pain Medicine*
Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine
Spinal Cord Injury Medicine
Sports Medicine*

Plastic Surgery

Craniofacial Plastic Surgery
Hand Surgery*

Preventive Medicine

Clinical Informatics*
Medical Toxicology*
Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine*

Psychiatry

Addiction Psychiatry
Brain Injury Medicine*
Child Psychiatry
Forensic Psychiatry
Geriatric Psychiatry
Hospice and Palliative Medicine*
Psychosomatic Medicine
Sleep Medicine*

Radiation Oncology

Hospice and Palliative Medicine*

Surgery

Complex General Surgical Oncology
Hand Surgery*
Pediatric Surgery
Surgical Critical Care
Vascular Surgery

Thoracic Surgery

Congenital Cardiac Surgery

Urology

Female Pelvic Medicine and
Reconstructive Surgery*
Pediatric Urology

Transitional Year

* Multidisciplinary subspecialty

+ Combined Program