

## Department of Surgery Selection Policy

All application information should be submitted to the Department of Surgery through the Electronic Residency Application System (ERAS):

<https://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/eras/>. All eligible applications are accepted. The application deadline for the academic year 2022 – 2023 is November 11, 2022.

In addition to the University of Tennessee Graduate Medical Education (UT GME) Selection Policy #110 (<http://www.uthsc.edu/GME/policies/ResidentSelection.pdf>), applicants must meet the following criteria:

Visa Status – Visa status for international Medical Graduates must fall within the following categories:

- Eligible to seek J-1 Visa
- Permanent resident or Alien status (i.e. “Green Card”)
- In accordance with UT GME guidelines, this program does not sponsor residents for “H” type visas.

Interviews are required for consideration. Invitations will be sent beginning in September and interviews will be held on Wednesdays, early November through mid-January. Applicants are selected for interviews based on:

- Medical school transcript
- Personal statement
- Three letters of recommendation
- USMLE or COMLEX scores

All residents/fellows entering any Memphis-based graduate medical education program sponsored by the University of Tennessee College of Medicine on or after July 1, 2009, must have passed USMLE Steps 1 and 2 CK or COMLEX-USA Level 1 and 2-CE.

Any Agreement of Appointment or offer letter will be contingent upon passing USMLE Steps 1 and 2 or COMLEX-USA Level 1 and 2-CE. Each resident/fellow is responsible for providing copies of passage of USMLE Steps 1 and 2 CK or COMLEX-USA Level 1 and 2-CE to the program director and GME Office and will not be allowed to start training until this documentation is submitted. A valid ECFMG certificate will be accepted as proof for international medical school graduates.

All new residents/fellows entering Memphis-based GME programs at the PGY3 or higher level must have passed USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX-USA Level 3 before beginning training at UT. The resident/fellow is responsible for providing evidence of passage of USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX-USA Level 3 to the program director and GME Office. Any Agreement of Appointment or offer letter to begin training at the PGY3 or higher level will be contingent upon passing USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX-USA Level 3.

Accepted or matched residents and fellows who have not passed the required U.S. Medical Licensing Examinations (USMLE) or National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) exam prior to their scheduled start date do not meet eligibility requirements and will be released from their appointment. Any program that releases a resident or fellow who matched through the NRMP will be required to obtain a waiver from NRMP. The waiver must be granted before offering the position to another applicant.

- US Clinical Experience (USCE) is not required; however, it is encouraged.

Applicants are selected for residency based on the above criteria and on personal interviews.