

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA FACULTY OF MEDICINE

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRAINING POLICY

Preamble

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the College of Family Physicians of Canada are the national bodies that set the Standards for Residency Training for the accredited postgraduate medical training programs for physicians in Canada. It is the responsibility of the Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Medical Education Committee (PGEC) to oversee residency training programs and the Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Clinical Fellowship Committee (CFC) to oversee fellowship and Areas of Focused Competence (AFC) training programs at uOttawa, and to ensure that standards are maintained. These committees shall each oversee the occasional modifications in training requirements as requested by any program's Residency/Fellowship/AFC Training Committee. This policy covers any required modifications that are not applicable to existing general rules and regulations. Any modifications will need to be guided by principles of natural justice and pedagogical soundness. Such decisions will require the consensus of the PGEC or CFC.

Policy

The Postgraduate Medical Education Committee shall be responsible for approving residency training requirements which are in addition to the specialty training requirements defined by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or the College of Family Physicians of Canada where the failure for a resident to meet such enhanced requirements could result in prolonging the period of training.

The Postgraduate Clinical Fellowship Committee shall be responsible for approving Fellowship and AFC training requirements which are requested by either individual training programs or programs under the umbrella of a department which requires the modification.

Process

1. Programs seeking enhanced training requirements need to make application, both in writing and with an in camera presentation to the PGEC or CFC outlining the following:
 - a) The nature of the training
 - b) The logic for the requirement
 - c) The process and timeline for addressing a resident's failure to meet the training requirements within the stipulated range
2. Approval will be by simple majority of the PGEC or CFC
3. For Residency program modifications, residents will be given at least one year's notice before any changes are enacted.

4. For Fellowship or AFC program modifications, fellows and AFC trainees will be provided with the changes at the start of their training period.

Committee

PGEC

Faculty Council

Executive Committee of the Senate

Approval

October 25, 2023

November 7, 2023

December 5, 2023