INTER NATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES POLICY GUIDELINES

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POLICY:

As a mission driven innovative health organization, St. Mary Mercy Hospital (hereinafter referred to as SMML) stands by our vision statement and is as an equal opportunity employer. The training programs sponsored by SMML are competitive. The Graduate Medical Education Office is responsible to assure that candidates meet minimum eligibility requirements and state requirements. Applicants must meet all SMML credentialing requirements, including, but not limited to eligibility of a training certificate of permanent licensure through the Michigan Medical Board. We accept applications only through the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) on-line service. The individual criteria for each specific training program can be found at our website, http://www.stmarymercy.org/livonia. Applicants shall be provided with the criteria at the time of interview.

SMML participates in the National Residential Matching Program (NRMP) for all applicable programs.

Graduates of foreign medical schools are required to hold a current valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). If you are not a citizen of the U.S. or do not have status as a Permanent Resident, a J-1 visa sponsored by ECFMG is required.

International Medical Graduates must apply to training programs sponsored by the SMML via ECFMG and the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS). For applicants who have already graduated from Medical School, you must be certified through ECFMG at the time you apply. Please do not apply if you don’t have your ECFMG certificate and must be eligible for ECFMG Sponsorship for the J-1 visa as an exchange visitor for the entire program. A J-1 visa is a non-immigrant visa issued to International Medical Graduates participating in training programs.

REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

1. Graduation from medical school by one of the following:
   a. graduation prior to the first day of the Term from a medical school in the United States or Canada accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME);
   b. graduation prior to the first day of the Term from a college of osteopathic medicine in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association;
   c. graduation prior to the first day of the Term from a medical school outside the United States or Canada and accompanied by:
      i. a currently valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates; or
ii. a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a United States licensing jurisdiction.

d. graduation prior to the first day of the Term from a medical school outside the United States having completed a Fifth Pathway program provided by an LCME-accredited medical school.

2. Resident must submit documentation of passing scores on both the USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge and USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills or COMLEX equivalent, prior to the start of their postgraduate year one contract.

3. If Resident is entering a program at a level above G1, Resident warrants and represents that Resident has satisfied all criteria, prior to the first day of the Term, applicable to the appointed position.

4. Resident further understands and agrees that SMML has relied on the accuracy of information submitted by Resident when applying for a residency position and that SMML may immediately terminate this Agreement if that information is later determined to be inaccurate or incomplete.

5. House officers must document taking USMLE Part 3 or COMLEX equivalent to be eligible for promotion to the postgraduate year 2 level and to have passed such exam to be eligible for promotion to the postgraduate year 3 level of any graduate medical program sponsored by SMML.