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## Child Neurology: Eligibility and Selection Policy

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The Pediatric Neurology Residency Program participates in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) and is currently approved to accept three trainees per year.

- 1. Each applicant must:
  - a. Be a graduate from a medical school in the United States or Canada accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), or
  - b. Be a graduate of any college of osteopathic medicine in the U.S. accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or
  - c. Be a graduate from a medical school outside of the United States or Canada, and meeting one of the following additional qualifications:
    - i. Holds a currently valid certificate from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) prior to appointment; or
    - ii. Holds a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in Colorado; or
    - iii. Has graduated from a medical school outside the United States and has completed a Fifth Pathway Program provided by an LCME accredited medical school.
- 2. The University of Colorado School of Medicine (UCSOM) recognizes that Housestaff enrolled in UCSOM programs are trainees, not employees. As such, applicants must also be able to meet the conditions of the UCSOM House officer Training Agreement. Specifically, each Housestaff must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Residents in our program must be a U. S. Citizen, lawful permanent resident, refugee, asylum, or otherwise possess or be able to obtain prior to the start date the appropriate documentation to allow Resident to legally train at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine. (Canadian citizens must receive a letter from their province stating the province's willingness to allow the resident to obtain a job in Neurology in Canada upon completion of Neurology residency training in the USA.)
- 3. Applicants must be eligible for either a training certificate or a permanent medical license as granted by the Colorado Medical Board.
- 4. Applicants must have documented strong interest in Neurology, as judged by statement, prior training, or research experience.
- 5. Applicants must have passed USMLE Parts I and II, with a minimum average score on both tests that is typically above 210. Satisfactory results on Part III must be submitted to the department prior to beginning PGY3.
- 6. Excellent references are required from a minimum of three physicians or researchers with whom the applicant has worked on a regular basis for at least one month. Additionally, for individuals who have had prior training in another residency program, a letter from the previous program director must be included.

- 7. For individuals who have had prior training in another training program, successful completion of that year (or years) of the program, and receipt of certification, are required.
- 8. Applicants must have a Dean's letter or equivalent, and documented grades from medical school. Graduation in the top 2/3 of the class is preferred.
- 9. Applicants must have the ability to hear, understand, speak, read, and write the English language, including English medical jargon, exceeding conversational level. Visually and hearing impaired applicants will be considered based on GME policy, the requirements of the program, the availability of resources and federal requirements.
- 10. Applicants must have the ability to comprehend and utilize computer software typically used in a USA hospital setting.
- 11. Continuous medical treatment of patients, with lapses not to exceed three years, must be documented (exceptions may be made for pregnancy and related child-care activities, or for obtaining a PhD). Patient treatment may include medical school and/or prior residency training.
- 12. Prerequisite training outlined as follows which can be initiated following one of three options:
  - a. 2 years of residency training in pediatrics in the United States or Canada;
  - b. one PG-1 year (as described in the Program Requirements for Residency Education in Neurology, Section I.A.1) and 1 year of residency training in pediatrics; or
  - c. 1 year of pediatrics plus 1 year of basic neuroscience training. The program director must review and determine the acceptability of these initial 2 years of training.
- 13. Child Neurology only reviews applications submitted through ERAS.
- 14. The UCSOM and the Department of Neurology do not discriminate with regard to race, sex, age, religion, color, national origin, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Additional information can be obtained from:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschool/departments/pediatrics/subs/neuro/educat/fellows/Pages/Child-Neurology-Residency-Program.aspx



