

The proposed interim revision is limited to the requirement for fellow eligibility exception. The Review Committee will only accept comments related to this requirement.

**Revision Information**

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**Proposed ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education  
in Neuromuscular Medicine**

**Common Program Requirements (Fellowship) are in BOLD**

Where applicable, text in italics describes the underlying philosophy of the requirements in that section. These philosophic statements are not program requirements and are therefore not citable.

**Background and Intent: These fellowship requirements reflect the fact that these learners have already completed the first phase of graduate medical education. Thus, the Common Program Requirements (Fellowship) are intended to explain the differences.**

**III.A.1.c) Fellow Eligibility Exception**

**The Review Committees for ~~Neurology and~~ Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation will allow the following exception to the fellowship eligibility requirements:**

**III.A.1.c).(1) An ACGME-accredited fellowship program may accept an exceptionally qualified international graduate applicant who does not satisfy the eligibility requirements listed in III.A.1., but who does meet all of the following additional qualifications and conditions:**  
(Core)

**III.A.1.c).(1).(a) evaluation 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.1.c).(1).(b) review and approval of the applicant's exceptional qualifications by the GMEC; and, (Core)**

**III.A.1.c).(1).(c) verification of Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certification. (Core)**

**III.A.1.c).(2)**

**Applicants accepted through this exception must have an evaluation of their performance by the Clinical Competency Committee within 12 weeks of matriculation. <sup>(Core)</sup>**

**Background and Intent: An exceptionally qualified international graduate applicant has (1) completed a residency program in the core specialty outside the continental United States that was not accredited by the ACGME, AOA, ACGME-I, RCPSC or CFPC, 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; and/or (c) demonstrated leadership during or after residency. Applicants being considered for these positions must be informed of the fact that their training may not lead to certification by ABMS member boards or AOA certifying boards.**

**In recognition of the diversity of medical training around the world, this early evaluation of clinical competence required for these applicants ensures they can provide quality and safe patient care. Any gaps in competence should be addressed as per policies for fellows already established by the program in partnership with the Sponsoring Institution.**