Graduate Medical Education

Washington University School of Medicine has a number of Graduate Medical Education (GME) opportunities.

GME-Sponsored Programs

In 1997, Washington University School of Medicine, Barnes-Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Children’s Hospital joined together to oversee the quality of graduate medical education training programs at these institutions. All three of these institutions have long histories of successfully training outstanding residents and clinical fellows; this collaborative educational effort demonstrates their dedication to quality health care and supports thoughtful patient care in the St. Louis area.

The GME Consortium sponsors more than 100 training programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the organization that accredits sponsoring institutions and training programs across the United States. There are approximately 80 additional subspecialty fellowship programs that are either accredited by other national accrediting bodies or that are in emerging new areas of medicine not yet recognized by the specialty boards. The GME Consortium and all of its sponsored training programs are fully committed to providing a quality educational experience for residents, clinical fellows and other trainees.

Residencies and Fellowships

Advanced medical training is integral to the quality of patient care in the United States. Residents are doctors who have completed their medical education and who are pursuing three to seven years of advanced medical training in a chosen specialty. Clinical fellows have completed their residencies and are boards-eligible in their primary specialty training; they are pursuing additional years of training in an advanced subspecialty area of medicine. Both roles allow trainees to progressively assume greater responsibility working with patients while learning from faculty who are highly qualified in their specialties.

Postdoctoral Training

According to the National Institutes of Health and the National Postdoctoral Association, a postdoctoral appointee is an individual holding a doctoral degree who is engaged in a temporary period of mentored research or scholarly training for the purpose of acquiring the professional skills needed to pursue a career path of their choosing. At Washington University in St. Louis, postdoctoral appointees conduct advanced research training with a faculty mentor and are supported by either research grants, individual fellowships, or institutional training grants.