

**LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL
Graduate Medical Education**

GME Policy - USMLE Step III

The Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine licensing regulations require all resident physicians participating in an ACGME accredited training program to pass the USMLE Step III exam prior to beginning the Post Graduate Year (PGY) three (3) level of training.

It is the institutional policy of Lehigh Valley Health Network that all allopathic resident physicians must take the USMLE Step III exam during their PGY-1 year of training prior to being offered a PGY-2 position.

Resident physicians who have not successfully passed the USMLE Step III exam by February 28 of their PGY-2 year of training will not be offered a PGY-3 position in a training program at Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Individual residency programs may have specific requirements for USMLE Step III which must be adhered to in addition to the institutional requirement.

Exceptions to this policy can be made by the DIO for extraordinary circumstances and every effort to take USMLE Step III at the earliest possible time must be made.

Approved by the Graduate Medical Education Committee

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