

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (GMEC)

— POLICY ON VISAS FOR GME TRAINEES —

The Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) deems the following non-immigrant visa categories as acceptable for residents and fellows training in graduate medical and dental education programs at UIHC:

- J-1 visas sponsored by ECFMG
- J-2 visas accompanied by an Employment Authorization Document (EAD)
- H-1b visas
- E3 visas only for citizens of Australia
- F-1 visas, accompanied by Optional Practical Training (OPT) authorization (first year of residency only)

Residents and fellows are not permitted to train under any visa statuses not cited in this policy. The acceptability of the visas cited in this policy is contingent upon the applicant being duly qualified and meeting all State Department and Iowa licensure requirements. Additionally, the parent department of the training program must document its approval prior to the commencement of processing of any kind of visa; no department is required to accept trainees with visas.

Questions concerning this policy should be brought to the GMEC. All information pertinent to a trainee's visa, including but not limited to the trainee's qualifications, departmental approvals, and acknowledgments, must be filed with the Graduate Medical Education Office (GMEO) at UIHC.