



Office of Graduate Medical Education West Virginia University School of Medicine

Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) Policy on Accommodations for Disabilities

It is the policy of the West Virginia University School of Medicine to provide reasonable accommodations as necessary for qualified individuals with disabilities who are accepted in to our post graduate training programs. We will adhere to all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required in accordance with the policies and procedures of the University as linked below:

http://www.hr.wvu.edu/policies/wvu_hr_37_reasonable_accommodation_to_enhance_the_employability_and_retention_of_persons_with_disabilities_policy

http://intranet.wvu.edu/human_resources/procedures/wvuhr37.htm

We will work with the University Department of Human Resources and the ADA Coordinator in determining if a resident has a disability and what accommodations may be reasonable and necessary for the employer to provide. Residents will still be required to meet all program educational requirements with or without accommodations as they must be able to demonstrate proficiency in all the ACGME defined competencies, and programs must certify that they are able to practice the specialty in which they have trained competently and independently upon completion of training. This includes the ability to perform the required technical and procedural skills of that specialty. Patient safety must be assured as a top priority in these determinations.

Residents must request accommodations in writing to the program director. The program director must notify within five working day of the request the Department Chair and Designated Institutional Official that such a request has been made.

The resident will be required to provide medical verification of a medical condition that he or she believes is a disability. The resident is responsible for the costs of verification.

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