

RESIDENCY PROGRAM

APPLICANT FAQs

Q: Where are you located?

A: We are located in the Inland Empire of Southern California, at the intersection of the I-10 and I-215, halfway between Los Angeles and Palm Springs, CA. Our location makes it an ideal springboard for various Southern California attractions and activities. [Click here](#) for more information about the area.

Q: Do you take only LLU students into the program?

A: No. While it is somewhat common to all programs that their own medical school is more heavily represented, in fact, most of the residents in our program are not from Loma Linda. In the 2018 Match, our categorical program matched 2 students from LLU and 12 from other schools.

Q: How many applications do you receive per season?

A: We receive close to 1,000 application each year.

Q: How many applicants do you interview?

A: Between 160-180

Q: Do you offer web-based interviews?

A: Yes, all interviews are via Zoom each year.

Q: Do you offer advanced (CA-1) positions?

A: No, we are a fully categorical program.

Q: What is the application deadline?

A: October 1st

Q: Do you accept COMLEX scores?

A: No, we require USMLE scores.

Q: Do you require Step 2 CS score by the time of application?

A: Yes, we prefer to have it by early February.

Q: Are there opportunities for international rotations?

A: Yes, our residents have the opportunity to travel to places such as India, Africa, and Fiji with a member of our faculty or with the Global Health Institute.

Q: What is your pass rate for CA-3s on the licensure exam?

A: It varies - generally 90-100% in any given year. It has been >95% as a conglomerate for the past decade.

Q: Do graduates generally go into private practice or academics?

A: It varies from year to year, but over the past several years it has been about even.

Q: Where can I find information about GME at LLU?

A: GME information for prospective residents can be found [here](#).

Q: What are the documentation requirements for residency at LLUMC?

A: Requirements can be found [here](#).

Q: What are the stipend and benefit levels at LLU?

A: Benefit information can be found [here](#).

Q: Do you sponsor H-1B or J-1 visas?

A: LLUMC would sponsor an H-1B visa for applicants who are on the F-1 visa and will graduate from a US medical school. All others must obtain the J-1 visa. For more information, please [click here](#).

Q: Do you have Step 1 and Step 2CK cutoff marks?

A: Step-1 require 1st pass; Step-2 requires >230

Q: Do you require a Step 2CK score before offering an interview?

A: Yes

Q: Does the program require a minimum STEP 1 and STEP 2 score?

A: Step-1 require 1st pass; Step-2 requires >230

Q: Do you require a complete ECFMG certificate before offering an interview?

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