

**Pathology Residency Program**  
**University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine/University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)**  
**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), Last Updated 8.15.17**

<http://path.upmc.edu/brochure/residency/index.html>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TI5CUdLFUz4>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRanhMTMUPE>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T68u3hR4sec>

**Is the Residency Program accredited by the ACGME?**

Yes, we are fully accredited through April 2022 by the ACGME (<http://www.acgme.org/adspublic>) to enroll 33 Residents under Pathology (Anatomic & Clinical). Our ACGME Program Number is 3004121324.

**How many positions are there in your Program?**

In general we have 6 – 8 residents in each class PGY-1 through PGY-4. We recruit for APCP, AP, and CP tracks.

**What candidates are considered to be highly competitive?**

a) USMLE Step 1 first attempt three digit score 225 or higher/2 digit score 90 or higher; b) Two months or more of pathology elective experience; c) Letter(s) of reference from a pathologist(s); d) Academic record of abstracts and/or publications; e) Graduation from medical school in last 5 years; f) Pathology post-sophomore year, and f) IMG's with pathology residency training experience.

**What criteria are preferred to identify candidates to be considered for an interview in addition to the above?**

a) USMLE Step 1 first attempt score  $\geq 195$  three digit or two digit score 80 or higher; b) No USMLE failures; c) Graduation from medical school less than 10 years before start date; d) At least one month pathology experience; e) Some academic or project activity.

We select for an interview from among eligible applicants on the basis of program-related criteria including those above. We do not discriminate with regard to sex, race, age, religion, color, national origin, disability, or any other applicable legally protected status.

**How do I apply to your Program?**

All applications are accepted through ERAS (<http://www.aamc.org/students/eras/start.htm>). We begin reviewing applications after September 15th. The deadline for applying is October 30th.

**How many letters of recommendation do you require with each application?**

Three and at least one must be from a pathologist.

**What are your criteria for USMLE Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3?**

No applicants will be invited to interview who have not taken USMLE Step 1 or do not have a Step 1 three digit score  $\geq 195$  or two digit score of 80 or higher. We may invite candidates to interview who have not taken USMLE Step 2 but prefer that applicants for our match list have passed USMLE Step 2 CS and CK on the first attempt. Taking USMLE Step 3 is not a requirement for being considered for our match list. Passing USMLE Step 3 is required for consideration for sponsorship for an H1-B visa and must be in time to get visa before starting.

**How do you review applications?**

Applications undergo ERAS filters. Those that 'pass' and are complete are reviewed by the Program Director and members of our application screening team. Competitive applicants are considered for an interview. Applicants to be invited for interviews are notified via the email address provided to ERAS. All interviewed candidates are considered for ranking on our competitive match list.

**Can I contact the Program Office to inquire on the status of my application?**

You're welcome to contact the office anytime with any questions. If an application is considered to be non-competitive it is placed in the "Inactive" category. If it is not in the "Inactive" category then it is still under review.

**Do you interview International Medical Graduates (IMGs)?**

We consider IMG's who are highly competitive. ECFMG certification (<http://www.ecfm.org/cert/certfact.html>) is required for all IMGs.

**Do you sponsor visas for IMGs?**

We routinely consider sponsorship for J-1 visas. Sponsorship for an H1-B visa is considered for applicants with significant academic and research achievement and requires that the applicant has passed USMLE Step 3 prior to being considered for our match list. Success of the application is not guaranteed and is subject to both program and institutional support.

**Do you participate in the NRMP?**

All of our positions are included in the match through the match process of the NRMP ([http://www.nrmp.org/res\\_match/index.html](http://www.nrmp.org/res_match/index.html)).

**How many Fellowships do you have?**

We have 15 fellowships – some with more than one fellow.

**If there are any other specific questions, please contact the Pathology Residency Program Office at [training\\_path@upmc.edu](mailto:training_path@upmc.edu). Best wishes.**