

Genetics Residency Admission Criteria, Eligibility and Advancement

- 1) Candidates must have previously completed a residency in primary care specialty such as pediatrics, internal medicine, family practice or obstetrics and gynecology (OBGYN), or will have completed said training prior to starting the Genetics residency. Candidates for the combined Genetics residency / Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM) fellowship training program must have approval from the MFM Program Director at The Ohio State University and have completed a residency in OBGYN.
- 2) All candidates must have a valid state license to practice medicine.
- 3) Candidates must submit a detailed CV listing any information regarding previous training in Genetics, to include undergraduate and post-graduate courses, as well as any relevant research experience. A letter of introduction by the candidate should include a brief discussion of clinical or research interests in the field.
- 4) At least three professional references must be provided.
- 5) No candidate will be considered for admission without a personal interview by the Program Director and members of the faculty of the Section of Molecular and Human Genetics.
- 6) Candidates must agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the ACGME as well as the Columbus Children's Hospital.
- 7) Since there is no Matching Program for Genetics residency candidates, a rolling admissions policy will be followed. A qualified candidate may be selected for enrolment as far as one year in advance of training at the discretion of Admissions Committee, consisting of the Program Director, Section Chief and two other faculty members who have interviewed the candidate and reviewed the application in detail. There is no fee to apply for Genetics residency training at Children's Hospital.
- 8) No more than one (1) resident will be admitted per academic year.
- 9) Advancement to the second year of clinical training, including elective time and/or clinical research, can only be granted upon successful completion of all clinical, laboratory and academic rotations and classes in the first year. Resident progress through the training program will be evaluated monthly by rotation supervisors, and reviewed on a semi-annual basis with the Program Director and trainee (see Resident Evaluation and Resident Supervision), in order to identify areas of deficiency early so that remedial steps can be undertaken.
- 10) Completion of the clinical phase of the residency will require 24 months of training, and all residents who successfully complete the process will be awarded a graduation certificate. A Clinical case logbook of patient contacts will be kept by the resident throughout the training program in order to ensure that an adequate and representative number of cases have been accumulated, in order to meet the minimum requirements for Board Examination in Clinical Genetics. Trainees will then become eligible for pursuing research opportunities or further subspecialty training in Cytogenetics, Biochemical Genetics or Molecular Genetics.

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