

RESIDENT STIPEND LEVEL POLICY

Residents* in all ACGME accredited programs at the same level of training must be paid in accordance with the stipends set by the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC). Residents may not be paid less than or in excess of the stipend set by the GMEC for their level of training.

PGY Level Credit:

A Resident* will be paid in accordance with the PGY level at which the program begins.

Official training credit is not given for a Chief Resident year when it is done as an extra year of training after completing the core program. Training for doing a research year in a lab does not count towards your PGY level unless it is part of your mandated ACGME training that all Residents complete during their required years.

A trainee entering a training program after completing a portion or all of the Board requirements in another specialty may receive credit for only the portion of training which is acceptable to board requirements for certification in that specialty which he or she is entering. This credit will impact their stipend level.

Currently, the University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga Graduate and Medical Student Education Office (GME) recognizes PGY1 – PGY7 stipend levels.

Chief Residents:

Programs may provide an extra stipend to Residents/Fellows designated as Chief Residents or Chief Fellows for their additional duties. Those rates and the number of individuals paid for these duties are negotiated with the Program Directors, Chairs, Assistant Dean for Finance, and the Dean for the Chattanooga Campus.

Extra year Chief Residents, which is a non-standard year, are hired as faculty and not as GME trainees. Currently these are appointed in the Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Programs. Those rates are negotiated with the Program Directors, Chairs, Assistant Dean for Finance, and the Dean for the Chattanooga Campus.

Program Responsibility:

Programs must receive and retain verification in writing from the appropriate specialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) for credit received from prior training.

Additional Non-GME Training:

It is recognized that there are trainees accepted into a training programs that have completed additional GME training above and beyond what is required for the training program they are entering. There may also be trainees accepted into a program that have spent time in non-GME activity (employment, graduate school, etc.). While these accomplishments are noteworthy, only training that is required to start in the training program will affect the stipend level. The Associate DIO and the Director of GME will have final determination of PGY levels.

*The term “Resident” refers to both Resident and Fellow trainees.

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