

VCUHS Child Neurology Selection Policy

In keeping with the VCUHS Policy on Selection of Residents, the following qualifications are required for appointment:

1. Minimum criteria for the specialty
 - (a) 2 years of residency training in pediatrics in the United States or Canada;
 - (b) one PG-1 year (as described in the ACGME Program Requirements for Residency Education in Neurology, Section I.A.1) and 1 year of residency training in pediatrics; or
 - (c) 1 year of pediatrics plus 1 year of basic neuroscience training. The program director must review and determine the acceptability of these initial 2 years of training.
2. All applicants for a residency program at the PGY2 level must have passed Steps 1 and 2 of the USMLE or NBOME or NDBE.
3. All applicants must have three letters of reference from US or Canadian physicians/dentists who have personal knowledge of the applicant's clinical abilities and personal characteristics.
4. All applicants must have documentation of a minimum of three months direct patient care activity in the United States or Canada. Clinical rotations during medical school will suffice for U.S. and Canadian students. For international medical graduates, externships of direct patient care in the United States or Canada will suffice.
5. All applicants must have sufficient written and spoken English language skills as to make patient care safe and effective.
6. Only J1 visas (if appropriate) are accepted for medical residency positions at the VCUHS. In selected circumstances, the VCUHS will sponsor individuals for an H-1B visa.
7. Applicants must submit, at a minimum, the following documents prior to selection:
 - a. VCU Health System Resident Application
 - b. Satisfactory personal/professional letters of reference (3) noted above
 - c. Dean's letter sent from school for recent graduates (within 4 years of graduation)
 - d. Scores from licensing examinations
 - e. Signed release of information
 - f. Acknowledgement of pre-employment drug screening

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