



Applicant FAQ's for the 2009-2010 Academic Year

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Q1. I am interested in applying to one of your programs. What do I need to do?

GCH accepts applications for OGME-1 (PGY1) positions through ERAS. Applicants who will have already completed year one of AOA-approved internship or residency training and are interested in applying to one of our programs should download our Residency Application Form.

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Q2. How can I set up a rotation at GCH?

We'd be happy to talk with you about setting up a rotation. During application season, rotations may already be filled. To check on availability, please call (734) 458-4486 and speak to Ms. Susan Patterson, Medical Education Executive Secretary.

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Q3. What is the average COMLEX score for applicants to (program) at GCH?

At Garden City Hospital, we have not established minimum COMLEX scores and do not publish scores from past entering classes. Instead, we look at applicants as more than their test scores and try to find those individuals who fit well with our faculty, house staff and hospital culture.

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Q4. How many letters of recommendation should I provide to GCH?

We generally look for three to four letters of recommendation. Letters from GCH physicians are particularly beneficial, if available.

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Q5. What can I do to increase my chances of being selected by GCH?

The optimal thing is to spend time with GCH program directors, faculty and house staff on a rotation here. This lets you learn about us and lets us get to know you. If a rotation is not an option, shadowing opportunities may be available. Call the Medical Education office at (734) 458-4486.

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Q6. Is GCH accepting applications for PGY2/OGME-2 training?

Yes, we are accepting application for the following programs only:

- *Emergency Medicine – accepting applications for OGME-3*
- *Family Medicine – accepting applications for OGME-2 and OGME-3*
- *Internal Medicine – accepting applications for OGME-2 and OGME-3*
- *Cardiology fellowship – requires completion of AOA-approved Internal Medicine residency*

Please note that we are not accepting any applications for Neurosurgery and Urological Surgery as these programs are full. We do not anticipate any openings in either program until 2012.

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Q7. Does GCH accept MD's or international medical graduates?

No. Our programs are accredited by the American Osteopathic Association. As such we can only accept Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.'s) who have graduated from a U.S. College of Osteopathic Medicine. We are unable to provide undergraduate or graduate medical education programs to MD's or international medical graduates.

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