

University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Resident/Fellow Licensure and

Resident Completion of USMLE Steps 1, 2, 3, COMLEX Series Policy

Effective July 1, 2021

All residents/fellows participating in University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences residency/fellowship training programs must receive and maintain a North Dakota Resident Training License in order to begin and continue training. Requirements can be found on the North Dakota Board of Medicine web site at www.ndbom.org.

All UND residents must also receive a passing score on the USMLE Steps 1, 2, 3 or COMLEX 1, 2, 3 exams within three attempts per step/level and within eighteen months of beginning their first post-graduate year of training. Residents who enter a UND program in other than the PG-1 year must receive a passing score within six months of entry. This applies to U.S. and international medical school graduates alike. It does not apply to residents who participate only in the UND Transitional Year Program.

For the USMLE STEP 3, and COMLEX series, a grace period of an additional four months may be granted by individual residency program directors if, in the director's judgment, extenuating circumstances have affected a resident's ability to meet the requirement.

Failure to pass USMLE STEP 3, or COMLEX 3 as defined in this policy, must result in either dismissal or non-renewal of contract -- the program director will decide which.

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