

**How to Apply to
Piedmont Columbus Regional's
Family Medicine Residency Program: Academic Year 2020-2021**

We accept applications *only* through ERAS.

Please do not submit applications through e-mail or fax. Because of the contractual terms of participating in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP), any documents not received through ERAS will be discarded.

Twelve (12) PGY-1 positions are available for the **Family Medicine Residency**

Allopathic (M.D.) & Osteopathic (D.O.) applicants apply through AAMC's Electronic Residency Application System (ERAS) to:
The Medical Center (Columbus) Program / Program #1201211092

We do not sponsor visas.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must either be a U.S. Citizen or have Permanent Resident Status.

Invitations to Interview:

The pool of eligible applicants to our program is highly competitive and exceeds our finite number of interview slots. Invitations to interview are granted to those applicants who meet all of the program's eligibility criteria and who are the most highly qualified to be successful Family Medicine Residents, taking into consideration multiple factors.

Interviews are conducted from mid-September 2020 through mid-February 2021.

Interviews are not scheduled during the Thanksgiving Holiday of November 26-27, 2020, or during the Christmas / New Year break of December 23, 2020 – January 3, 2021.

The final deadline to submit your application through ERAS is January 31, 2021.

For Those Graduating in 2021, a Completed Application Packet for our Residency Includes:

- Completed Common ERAS Application Form
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation written within the past one (1) year by U.S. Physicians with whom you have worked clinically. Letters must be written on the physician's letterhead stationery. Letters written on plain paper will not be accepted.
- Personal Statement explaining why you want to be a Family Medicine Physician.
- Medical School Transcript – There is a cut-off date of five (5) years since medical school graduation and you must have been actively involved in clinical medicine during the past one year.
- Board Scores – We normally require that your USMLE (for allopathic candidates) or COMLEX (for osteopathic candidates) Parts 1 & 2 scores be competitive for our program. We realize that COVID-19 may cause disruption of your testing schedule. Apply and explain your situation if your steps are not completed. Scores must be reported to ERAS by the first of February 2021, in order to be ranked.
- Dean's Letter

- ECFMG Certificate (if applicable), as soon as available and prior to start of intern orientation in June 2021.
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Our program considers your application in its entirety. It is not accepted or declined based on Board scores or GPA alone.

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Minimum Requirements for Consideration for Those Graduating More Than One (1) Year Ago:

Completed Common ERAS Application Form (i.e. all of the above components) *and* Two (2) months minimum of Clinical Rotations in the United States within the last one (1) year precepted by a licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician.

For our consideration, Clinical Rotations must include independent and direct:

- Contact with patients
- History taking
- Physical examinations
- Development of differential diagnoses
- Identification of relevant clinical findings
- Problem assessments
- Formulation of management and treatment plans

Observerships or Externships which do not include the above will not be accepted.

Additional Requirements for Appointment and Employment at Piedmont Columbus Regional:

Immunizations: Immunization records are not part of the application, but are required by the end of April 2021 if matched with our program.

Measles, Mumps & Rubella:

- If you were born before 1957. Proof of immunization to Rubella by vaccination or titer
- If you were born on or after 1957. Proof of immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Mumps

Hepatitis B Vaccine:

- Series completed and dated or series in progress with list of pending dates to be completed
- Documented declination of vaccine or proof of immunity by Hepatitis B titer

Varicella (Chicken Pox):

- Proof of Varicella immunity with Titer, 2 vaccines documented, or history of exposure

Tuberculosis:

- Documented negative result on screening exam within the past year

TD/Tdap Status:

- Verified or documented

Criminal background check:

- All potential employees are subject to a criminal background check and cannot be employed unless this is satisfactory.

Drug Screen:

- All potential employees are subject to a drug screening check and cannot be employed unless this is satisfactory.

Nicotine/Smoke-Free:

- Piedmont Columbus Regional will not employ smokers or individuals who use other tobacco/nicotine products, whether occasionally or socially. All applicants considered for hire will be subject to a nicotine test as a part of pre-employment testing process and during employment.

Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification:

- Prior to employment, new resident physicians must provide documentation of current BLS Certification that is valid through the end of intern year, June 30, 2021. BLS is required to be able to take our ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support), PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) and NALS (Neonatal Advanced Life Support) courses.

Orientation Classes:

- New resident physicians must attend Orientation Classes starting mid-June 2021. Applicants who match with our program but are not able to begin employment on June 15, 2021, are subject to release from their contract
All new resident physicians must provide all necessary requested documentation to the Residency Coordinator prior to June 2021, in order to begin employment and training.

Please contact M.A. Dowdell, Residency Program Coordinator for more details or answers to your questions.

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To learn more about our program, visit:

<https://www.piedmont.org/locations/piedmont-columbus/residency/programs>