

UTHSCSA Graduate Medical Education Policies

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Policy 2.1.18.1	Critical Care Programs	Responsibility:	Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education

Critical Care Programs

Purpose It is the policy of the UTHSCSA GME Committee that appropriate and fair processes govern the allocation of resources to GME programs in which there is similarity or overlap of educational mission.

Policy The ACGME mandates that sponsoring institutions have policies which address the educational resources committed to those GME programs in which there is similarity or overlap of educational mission. This policy addresses the process for GME programs for Critical Care.

Monitoring and compliance
The program will perform annual reviews of program effectiveness (see policy 3.1.5). The Designated Institutional Official (DIO) and the GME Committee (GMEC) will monitor educational resources committed to critical care training programs through the Dean's Annual Review, the Internal Review process, and the Annual Survey of Residents' Educational and Clinical Experiences.

If difficulties in the distribution of resources committed to critical care training are identified, the DIO will meet with the Program Directors of the critical care programs (Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine, Pediatric Critical Care Medicine, Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, Surgery Critical Care, and Anesthesiology Critical Care) to assess the distribution and to recommend corrective action. The DIO will report these findings to the GME Executive Committee (GMEEC), which may meet with the critical care training directors and other hospital/institutional officials. The GMEEC's recommendations will be forwarded for approval to the GMEC.

Periodically as needed, the GMEC will discuss the distribution of educational resources committed to the critical care training programs. This discussion will also consider other training programs' use of the same critical care resources.

A request for expansion in critical care training by a new program proposed for accreditation or by an existing program must be evaluated for the potential impact on compliance with institutional and RRC requirements for critical care training programs. The GMEC must endorse any expansion in critical care training by a new or existing training program.