

UTHSCSA Graduate Medical Education Policies

Section 4	Program Policies & Procedures	Effective:	April 2008
Policy 4.5	Information about Board Eligibility	Revised:	
		Responsibility:	Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education
Information about Board Eligibility			
Purpose	The ACGME requires that information regarding eligibility for certification by the relevant certifying board is made available to residents.		
Policy	<p>Board certification following graduate medical education is a measure of quality of the program and of the trainee. UTHSCSA-sponsored GME programs expect their trainees to commit to becoming board certified upon completion of their training.</p> <p>Boards vary in their requirements regarding board eligibility and certification. A number of challenges to an individual's eligibility for board certification can be encountered during GME training, and the effect of leaves of absence, for any reason, taken during residents' training on their eligibility and the timing for board certification should be known and understood by the resident/fellow.</p> <p>Residents and fellows are strongly advised to access the specific relevant information from their certifying boards, available via http://www.abms.org/Who_We_Help/Member_Boards/contactinfo.aspx, and to maintain familiarity with the appropriate requirements in order to avoid unforeseen delays in their board certification.</p>		