



Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital
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Nazareth Hospital
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St. Mary Medical Center
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MCMC GME Osteopathic Track Eligibility Policy

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Mercy Catholic Medical Center
Graduate Medical Education
Osteopathic Track Eligibility Policy

The Internal Medicine Residency at Mercy Catholic Medical Center (MCMC) has an Osteopathic Recognition track, administered by the ACGME. In order to be considered eligible for this track, the resident must meet criteria for eligibility for Graduate Medical Education at MCMC as defined by Trinity Health Mid-Atlantic, Mercy Catholic Medical Center policy, "Resident Recruitment Eligibility and Selection." In addition, the resident must:

1. Be a graduate of college of Osteopathic Medicine in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) *or*
2. Complete alternate osteopathic education.
 - a. Residents in this category may start in the osteopathic recognition path so long as the following is completed no later than 10 months after the start of PGY1 year.
 - i. Formal education include at least 1 of the following:
 1. Structured course work in Osteopathic Principles and Practice from osteopathic medicine offered by an AOA-accredited medical school with at least 150 course-hours
 2. Osteopathic Principles and Practice Rotation that includes
 - a. Clinical supervision by a minimum of two board-certified osteopathic physician
 - b. Total 150 hours of direct supervision
 - ii. Combination of osteopathic-focused course work and practicum that totals 150 hours
 - iii. Completed successful evaluation by Director of Osteopathic Medical Education confirming competency in Osteopathic Principles & Practice including osteopathic philosophy, history, terminology, and code of ethics; anatomy and physiology related to osteopathic medicine; indications, contraindications, and safety issues associated with the use of OMT; and palpatory diagnosis, osteopathic structural examination, and OMT.

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