

University of Kentucky Interviewee Information Items

If you match and/or are selected for a house staff position at the University of Kentucky, you will be sent a packet of information that will address these things as well. However, we thought it would be helpful to give you a “heads up” on some things you need to know so that you can plan accordingly.

Pre-appointment drug screening and background checks: If offered a position through the Match or otherwise, you will be required to pass a pre-appointment drug screen and will be subject to background checks. In addition, the VA fingerprints.

Orientation: Institutional orientation will be the third week of June 2012. Most programs also hold a program-specific orientation, and your program will notify you of the date(s) and time(s) for that orientation. Attendance at the institutional orientation and program orientation is required.

ACLS: All interns/residents/fellows (with exception of Pastoral Care, Health Administration, Optometry and Student Fellows) must be Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certified before starting. (Pediatrics and Pediatric Dentistry may substitute PALS, and Neonatology fellows may substitute NALS or NRP.) The certification must be American Heart Association (AHA) accredited.

Licensure: All PGY2s and above must be licensed (Pharmacy and Dentistry at the PGY1 level). If you are coming as a PGY1 physician who has had previous ACGME-accredited training, you are also required to be licensed. It is your responsibility to make sure that you have met the requirements for licensure and that you are licensed. Questions and application requests may be directed to the appropriate licensure board at:

Medical: (502) 429-7150 or www.kbml.ky.gov

Pharmacy: (859) 246-2820 or www.pharmacy.ky.gov

Dental: (502) 429-7280 or www.dentistry.ky.gov

Visa information: We sponsor interns/residents/fellows on J-1 visas through the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. Please access the ECFMG web page on the Internet at www.ecfm.org for information about the J-1 visa requirements. We only sponsor H-1 visas in rare cases. These require justification from the applicant and program director, and advance approval (before the rank order list is submitted for those going through a match; before an offer extended for non-match positions) from the Provost’s office via the GME office. Please assure you contact the GME office with any visa issues/questions.

Contracts: We do primary source verification of your credentials to confirm that you possess the basic requisite education, training, skills, personal characteristics, and professionalism to make your experience as an intern/resident/fellow a successful one for you and the program. Upon affirmative verification of your credentials, and assurance that you meet all requirements for the position, you will be issued a contract. Contracts are usually issued at orientation.

Social Security card: We are required to use the name listed for you on your Social Security card and will ask you for a copy of it, so please assure your card accurately reflects your name. If you need to request a card, you can go to www.ssa.gov

Insurance: If you are currently on the UK faculty or staff, and are selected for a training program, you must sign up for insurance benefits during the University’s open enrollment; you will not be eligible to select new or different coverage when starting as a house staff member.

Tobacco-free institution: Our medical campus is tobacco free. The use of all tobacco products (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes and smokeless tobacco products) is prohibited in buildings, on grounds, etc.

If you have questions about any of the above, please contact the GME office at (859) 323-5871.

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