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**Subject:** [GMEPDs] New ACGME Common Program Requirements

Dear GME Community,

By now, most of you have had a chance to review the newly approved ACGME Common Program Requirements (CPRs), announced by Dr. Nasca in a letter distributed on June 29, 2018. The new CPRs will go into effect on July 1, 2019. The full requirements can be found at the following link on the ACGME website:

[https://www.acgme.org/What-We-Do/Accreditation/Common-Program-Requirements](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.acgme.org_What-2DWe-2DDo_Accreditation_Common-2DProgram-2DRequirements&d=DwMGaQ&c=aBkXpkKi7gN5fe5MqrMaN-VmRugaRb1IDRfSv2xVRy0&r=LZR7C4GOrlu3r3Ci_r68Ool4ABBkZ4OV5UxhZkicNjRUF2o7wmmi_tyFJR152AuK&m=__iyTFY4x4ugALZ90I8maNt5yVInl1dFCXwWON9c5XY&s=lDb3703CO4vtgQci72ttrMkH3nKfwbSbVbjaJ7HYDh0&e=)

Having reviewed the requirements, we do believe that they have been reviewed and revised with the best of intentions - that is, with the goal of meaningfully improving the quality of the learning environment for every trainee. Our hope is that these new requirements will provide us with new opportunities to think more broadly about the learning environment for our trainees and the best safety for our patients.

Some notable highlights of this new iteration include:

* Nearly all CPRs (Sections I-V) now categorized as “Core,” with remainder categorized as “Outcome”
* Increased alignment with Institutional Requirements
* New definition of core faculty
* New Program director and faculty member qualification requirements
* Requirement regarding minimal level of program director support (0.2 FTE for residencies, RC to specify minimum support for fellowships)
* Inclusion of a requirement for a program coordinator, with a minimal level of support (0.5 FTE for residencies, RC may specify minimum support for fellowships)
* Emphasis on program mission and aims
* For FELLOWSHIPS: Elimination of select sub-competency requirements
* Broadened definition of scholarly activity
* Standardized approach to board certification examination pass rates
* Section VI modifications for clarity of existing requirements:
  + need for programs to partner with the Sponsoring Institution
  + need to address discrimination, and sexual and other forms of harassment
  + expanded to emphasize the responsibility of the physician to support other members of the health care team
  + expanded to include parental leave

We are still internalizing the local impact of the new CPRs, but we do know that implementation will require creativity on the part of programs, GME and the School of Medicine during the UW Medicine Financial Improvement Transformation (FIT) initiative to mitigate a large projected shortfall.

We will be focusing on selected elements of the new CPRs this year in the 2018-19 Program Director Development Series (PDDS). We have already started to brainstorm about practical solutions for compliance. For example, Learning Gateway has already commenced work with a team of resident and faculty stakeholders and subject matter experts on a Physician Well-Being training to replace the existing Fatigue Mitigation module.

The GME Office is doing all in its power to advocate for additional resources.  Please look for additional communication from our office as we get a better sense of cost implications, particularly around PD/PA protected time.

We remain so appreciative of your hard and thoughtful work on behalf of residents, fellows and patients. If you have questions, or knowledge of best practices from other institutions, we would like to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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