

Student - Policy on MD Deferral

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**Policy Owner: Associate Dean for Admissions,
Enrollment Management, and Financial Aid**

**Policy Audience: MD students, Admissions
Committee**

1. Definitions:

2. Leadership Council Review:

Medical Curriculum Committee review February 11, 2020

3. Introduction / Purpose:

Applicants that receive an acceptance to the Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine may request deferral of matriculation for one year only.

4. Governance and Enforcement:

Associate Dean for Admissions, Enrollment Management, and Financial Aid

5. Policy:

Policy on MD Deferral Applicants who receive an acceptance to the Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine may request deferral of matriculation for one year only.

Each request will be reviewed, on an individual basis, by the Associate Dean for Admissions, Enrollment Management, and Financial Aid. Applicants requesting a deferral must submit, in writing, a letter to the Associate Dean of Admissions, Enrollment Management, and Financial Aid detailing the reason for the deferral request.

Additional documentation that substantiates the deferral request is strongly encouraged. All requests for deferred admission must be received no later than June 1 of the year the deferral is requested.

If approved, the following conditions apply:

1. The deferment must be used for the purpose requested as stated in the letter.
2. Candidates must send the Associate Dean of Admissions, Enrollment Management, and Financial Aid written notification by March 1 of the following year, reaffirming their intent to matriculate that August.
3. All of the statements contained within the AMCAS application and all of the other personal information that was provided to Geisinger Commonwealth remain true and valid and the applicant has met all of the conditions as stated in their acceptance letter.
4. The ability to perform our technical standards remains and will not have changed upon matriculation to Geisinger Commonwealth.
5. Nothing occurred which would cause Geisinger Commonwealth to deny the position in the first year if the candidate were applying for admission to Geisinger Commonwealth for the first time.
6. Successful completion of all baccalaureate degree requirements and/or meet all conditions indicated on the application to Geisinger Commonwealth.
7. Satisfactory completion of all required background checks and drug screens.
8. A deferred admission does not guarantee any scholarship offer attached to the first offer of admission.

6. Key Stakeholders:

MD students, Admissions Committee