

Student – Policy on Transfer Admission with Advanced Standing for Geisinger Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program Residents



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

Policy Audience: Students, faculty, and administration of GCSOM

1. Definitions:

2. Leadership Council Review:

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3. Introduction / Purpose

Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine (GCSOM) and the Geisinger Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program both seek to improve patient care by training excellent practitioners.

Residents who obtain an MD in addition to the DDS can serve an increased scope of practice and leadership opportunities within oral and maxillary surgery. Therefore, GCSOM has created an opportunity for Geisinger Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residents to seek to transfer into GCSOM with advanced standing starting in the third year of medical school (i.e., at the start of clerkships).

The Geisinger Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program is the sole transferring program. Admission with advanced standing at the School of Medicine is limited to United States citizens or permanent residents who are currently in good standing in the Geisinger Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program.

GCSOM recognizes the applicant's dental education and residency training as evidence of equivalency of completion of the first two years of medical school.

Finally, individuals who have earned the M.D. degree are not considered for transfer.

4. Governance and Enforcement:

Vice Dean for Medical Education

5. Policy:

The Admissions Committee seeks all available information in its effort to ensure applicants from the Geisinger Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program meet GCSOM's criteria for admission with advanced standing to the third-year medical school class.

Decisions regarding admission are based on several factors including:

- potential for contributing to the mission of the school;
- prior academic performance, particularly in dental education and residency training at Geisinger Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program;
- excellent communication skills, character, personal skills and motivation for medicine.

Geisinger Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program residents considering advanced standing admission should submit a formal letter of request for an application to the Office of Admissions.

Select applicants will receive a transfer application and must submit the following materials for evaluation:

- a completed transfer application to GCSOM;
- a letter of recommendation from the Geisinger Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program Director;
- a letter of recommendation from a faculty member;
- the official dental school transcript;
- documentation of passage of the comprehensive basic science exam in dental school;
- the personal statement;
- a curriculum vitae.

Transfer applications must be filed between November 1st and March 1st and will only be considered for the upcoming academic year. At that time, GCSOM will disclose the projected number of available openings. The final determination of available openings (if any) may not be announced until April.

The deadline for receipt of a completed transfer application and supporting materials is March 1st. After a review of the application materials, Geisinger Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program residents will be notified if they have been offered an interview for the MD program.

All interviews are in-person with the Chair of GCSOM's Admissions Committee.

6. Key Stakeholders:

Students, faculty, and administration of GCSOM