POLICY:

International Medical Graduates

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:

Administration
Family Medicine Asheville
   Addiction Medicine Fellowship
   Sports Medicine Fellowship
Family Medicine Boone
   Sports Medicine Fellowship
Family Medicine Hendersonville
Gen Practice Dental Residency
General Surgery
Critical Care Surgery Fellowship
Internal Medicine
   Obstetrics and Gynecology
   Maternal Fetal Medicine
Psychiatry
   Child & Adolescent Fellowship
   Consultation-Liaison Fellowship
   Transitional Year

APPROVED BY:

Designated Institutional Official
Graduate Medical Education

Program Director
Family Medicine – Boone

Program Director
Sports Medicine Fellowship – Asheville

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Date

Program Director
Family Medicine Residency – Asheville

Program Director
Family Medicine – Hendersonville

Program Director
Sports Medicine Fellowship – Boone

Date

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PURPOSE:
Special laws and regulations apply to international medical graduates who wish to enter the United States to undertake graduate medical education. MAHEC's policies and procedures regarding graduates of international medical schools comply with federal and state laws and regulations and MAHEC's commitment to graduate medical education.

POLICY:
Graduates of medical schools outside the United States or Canada must meet one of the following additional qualifications:

1. Hold a current-valid certificate from the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) prior to appointment;

2. Hold a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in a United States and be eligible for a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in North Carolina;

3. Have completed a Fifth Pathway program provided by an LCME-accredited medical school.
The ECFMG certified applicant must be in one of the following categories: a US citizen, permanent resident, or hold a valid visa permitting work in a Graduate Medical Education program (i.e. J1 visa). MAHEC is not a "sponsor" for visas (i.e. H1B).

An international medical graduate must complete all other application requirements required by MAHEC and the GME Residency or Fellowship program.

The North Carolina Medical Board requires that physicians who are graduates of schools that are not accredited by the LCME or the AOA must be individually certified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, and have passed the USMLE or its equivalent to be eligible for application for full licensure.

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