

**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER**  
**Paul L. Foster School of Medicine**  
**GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**  
**Standard Policy and/or Procedure**

**TITLE:** Physician-in-Training Permit or Independent Practitioner License

**APPROVED:** 5/31/1994

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**PURPOSE:** To ensure accepted applicants in residency programs have proper credentialing from the Texas Medical Board to deliver direct patient care under appropriate supervision.

**POLICY STATEMENT:** Individuals participating in graduate medical education training within the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine shall obtain and maintain either a physician-in-training permit or possess a current independent practitioner license from the Texas Medical Board. A copy of either the physician-in-training permit or independent practitioner license shall be provided to the clinical department in which post-graduate training occurs and to the Office of Graduate Medical Education. In addition, current NPI, DEA and DPS numbers must also be provided.

The responsibility of obtaining and maintaining proper credentialing rests with the resident. Failure to obtain the required credential prior to the commencement of employment will result in the denial to commence training that involves patient care.

Should a trainee's permit or license status be restricted or voided for any reason, the trainee must immediately cease any activities involving direct patient care; report the change immediately to the Program Director and to the Office of Graduate Medical Education; and, remain in non-patient-care status until the permit or license is reinstated without restrictions. A copy of the permit or license shall be on file in the trainee's clinical department and the Office of Graduate Medical Education. Under such circumstances the trainee's eligibility to continue in the training program, i.e., participate in non-patient-care activities will be at the discretion of the Program Director for up to thirty (30) days. The Program Director must apply to the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC) for any extension beyond this proscribed time period. Such a request must be defended utilizing Residency Review Committee program requirements for the specialty and/or American Board of Medical Specialties certification requirements, otherwise the trainee shall be obliged to take vacation time or leave without pay.

In the event a trainee becomes ineligible for participation in his/her training program, he/she will be subject to suspension and/or dismissal from his/her training program.