



Frequently Asked Questions

Application Process & Statistics

Central Wisconsin Psychiatry Residency Program

Dear Potential Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in our program. As the volume of inquiries into the program increases, we are finding it more difficult to reply to individual requests for information. As such, we've tried to summarize the answers to questions frequently asked throughout the recruitment season. For more detailed information on our program, please visit our website at <https://www.mcw.edu/departments/psychiatry-and-behavioral-medicine/education/residency-programs/central-wisconsin-residency-program>.

How do I apply to the Central Wisconsin Psychiatry Residency Program?

The Central Wisconsin Psychiatry Residency Program of the Medical College of Wisconsin accepts applications through **Electronic Residency Application Service for Applicants (ERAS)**.

Do you offer positions outside of the MATCH?

No.

Do you offer observerships or externships?

Unfortunately, the **Central Wisconsin Psychiatry Program** is not able to offer observerships or externships at this time.

What are your application requirements?

For application to our program, we require:

- An ERAS Application
- Four(4) letters of recommendation
- Dean's letter
- Transcripts
- Personal statement or letter of intent
- CV
- USMLE or COMLEX transcripts

How many applications do you receive each year?We expect ~650+ applications for our **three (3)** open spots this upcoming year.

USMLE Scores for Invited Applicants:

USMLE Step 1 (AVG 220) Range 197-250
USMLE Step 2 CK (AVG 230) Range 210-252
USMLE Step 3 Range 192-259

COMLEX Score Range for Invited Applicants:

COMLEX Level I (AVG 516) Range 402-614
COMLEX Level II (AVG 522) Range 444-714

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What USMLE/COMLEX scores are required before I can interview?

For US Grads: Step/Level - 1 scores are required & Step/Level - 2 scores are preferred prior to the offer of an interview. In order to be included on our final MATCH rank list at the end of the recruitment season, Step/Level 1, 2 and CS/PE will need to be posted with passing scores.

For IMGs: Passing scores on both Step 1 and 2 are required for interview consideration, and Step 3 completion is preferred.

Do you consider applicants with prior licensing exam failures?

Yes, provided a subsequent passing score has been posted. Multiple failures decrease the likelihood of an interview invite. In order to be licensed in Wisconsin, all USLME Steps must be passed within a 10-year period.

Do you accept H1 or J1 Visas?

We will only consider J1 Visa applicants at this time. Applicants must have an appropriate Visa to begin Graduate Medical Education with the Wisconsin Northern & Central GME Consortium (WiNC). If a candidate does not obtain an appropriate Visa that permits WiNC to employ him/her on the designated start date, the training position will not be held and may be offered to another candidate.

How recent must a graduation date be to be considered for an interview?

There is no criteria for date of graduation, but in order to be licensed in Wisconsin, all USLME Steps must be passed within a 10-year period.

Do you prefer local candidates?

Our residents are from all over the world. That being said, it is helpful for us to know if you have a particular reason for looking at the Central Wisconsin program.

Do you require four (4) letters of recommendation? Do you have a requirement on who writes the letters?

We do require four letters of recommendation (LOR). The most useful LORs are from someone with whom you've worked clinically, who can comment on your interpersonal skills, professionalism, care for patients, etc. If you have completed any previous training or left another program, we do require a LOR from your previous program director. We do not require a letter from the chairperson of your department.

When will applicants be invited?

We are able to begin reviewing application in ERAS **starting** September 25th. We will hold **VIRTUAL** interviews starting in November through February. Applicants who are wait-listed or not selected for interviews will be notified through ERAS. If you have not heard from us please check that all documentation has been downloaded into ERAS. We may still be reviewing your application. Thank you for your interest!

MCW- Central Wisconsin Psychiatry Program

NRMP Required Documents The National Residency Match Program Requires that each residency provides complete and accurate information to interviewees including a copy of the contract the applicant will be expected to sign if matched to the program, all institutional policies regarding eligibility for appointment to a residency position and the institution's policies on visa status and eligibility for appointment to a residency or fellowship position. This information must be communicated to interviewees in writing prior to the applicable rank order list certification date.

This signed acknowledgment is confirmation that I received a copy of the following items from the MCW- Central Wisconsin Psychiatry Program.

- A sample of the current year's Resident Agreement of Appointment (contract)
- WiNC's [Current](#) Institutional Policy- Qualifications of Applicants Policy
- WiNC's [Current](#) Resident Employment Information Manual
- WiNC's [Current](#) Salary & Benefit Information
- Visa Information

Furthermore, my signature below indicates I understand the following selected program and ACGME expectations and I will comply with these and all program policies if I match with this program.

- Employment eligibility verification per WiNC policy
- Completed pre-employment drug testing and caregiver background check
- Valid ECFMG Certificate by start date (if applicable)
- Covid Vaccination by start date
- Valid Wisconsin Resident Education License (REL) by start date
- All Program, Facility, and Institutional policies and requirements

You will not be advanced to PGY-3 without a full/permanent Wisconsin Medical License.

Finally, I release the WiNC/MCW- Central Wisconsin Psychiatry Program to request and receive information verifying and evaluating my credentials, qualifications, and experience. I understand that I must register with the NRMP to be ranked in the Match. The MCW- Central Wisconsin Psychiatry Program NRMP Program Code is 2262400C0.

Print Name

Date

Signature

Date