

Residency Directors' Criteria for Prospective Residents

Anesthesiology



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Do you look for a specific Step 1 score?

Yes, we look for a specific Step 1 score. We have a cutoff for interviews based on prior experience and based on the National mean score for the exam.

Do you require Step 2 exam prior to interviewing?

We do not require a Step 2 score prior to interviewing. However, if a student has a lower Step 2 score, we would like to see an improved Step 2 score. This information helps us in establishing our interview as the score provides us with some guidance about the applicant's ability to ultimately pass their anesthesiology board exam.

Is research in the specialty necessary?

No, research in anesthesiology is not necessary prior to the interview.

Do you recommend more than one rotation in the chosen specialty?

If an applicant has one or two rotations, this should give them the experience and ability to understand the specialty of anesthesiology and also allow them to obtain LORs.

If the applicant is from MCW, do you recommend an away rotation?

Not necessarily. The applicant should **ONLY** do an away rotation if they really have a particular institution in mind and they want that institution to be impressed by their skills.

IF the student does well in that away rotation, they may stand a chance to be ranked highly and match at that institution.

Any other considerations or factors?

A good personal statement including information that identifies your unique characteristics is important. Tell us more than how you love physiology and pharmacology in anesthesiology.

The personal statement should include information about what makes the applicant different, if they have close ties to the Midwest area, and their interests in MCW.