
Professional Organization

- American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians – www.acofp.org
- American Academy of Family Physicians - www.aafp.org



Family Medicine Fellowships

The following fellowships are available for those interested in subspecialization in family medicine:

- Adolescent Medicine
- Geriatric Medicine
- Hospice & Palliative Medicine
- Pain Medicine
- Sleep Medicine
- Sports Medicine

Career Counseling

If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to meet with the UIWSOM Career Counselor, Dr. Martin Timoney in A113 in Building 1. Scheduled appointments and walk-ins are both welcome. You can schedule an appointment directly onto Martin's calendar by scanning the QR code below. You can also email him at timoney@uiwtx.edu or call him at 210-619-7074



Data Sources

The information found in this leaflet came from the following sources:

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Residency Fact Sheet 2020/2021



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Residency Basics

Mean COMLEX 1 (2020)	495
Mean USMLE 1 (2020)	218
Preliminary Year	No
Residency Length	3 Years
Number of Programs (2020)	693
Percentage of Programs that typically offer interviews to DO students (2020)	97%

Lifestyle Overview

Median Salary	\$241,000
Average Work Hours per week	52.6
Average Weeks Worked per Year	47.6

Top 5 Factors Cited for Selecting Programs to Apply to (2019)

- Desired geographic location (91%)
- Perceived sense of compatibility with program (89%)
- Reputation of the program (72%)
- Quality of residents (72%)
- Work/life balance (72%)
- = Quality of education & training (72%)

Top 10 Factors for Selecting Candidates for Interview (2020)

1. Perceived commitment to specialty (93%)
2. Personal Statement (84%)
3. Letters of recommendation in the specialty (81%)
4. COMLEX Level 1 score (80%)
5. (=4) USMLE Step 1 score (80%)
6. (=4) USMLE Step 2 CK score (80%)
7. Passing Step 2 CS (79%)
8. COMLEX Level 2 CE score (78%)
9. Any failed COMLEX attempt (76%)
10. (=9) Any failed USMLE attempt (76%)

Top 10 Factors for Ranking Applicants in the Match (2020)

1. Interpersonal skills (98%)
2. Interactions with faculty during interview (95%)
3. Feedback from current residents (91%)
4. Interactions with house staff during interview (90%)
5. Perceived commitment to specialty (83%)
6. USMLE Step 2 CK score (76%)
7. Passing USMLE Step 2 CS (72%)
8. Personal statement (71%)
9. COMLEX Level 2 CE score (71%)
10. Perceived interest in the program (72%)

Interpreting the Data

- Family medicine is a specialty with opportunities to meet the needs of most aspiring physicians. It has the largest number of residency programs of any specialty (Freeman, 2019).
- The personal statement is very important. It should be error free and should communicate your values and passion for serving others (Freeman, 2019). It should also be used to convey your strong commitment to family medicine.
- While board scores are always important, applicants can match into family medicine with COMLEX scores as low as 400 (NRMP, 2020a).
- Letters of recommendation viewed as being very important. At least one letter should come from a family physician, but letters from physicians can be used in addition to family physician letters (Freeman, 2019).
- It is important to perform well in all core rotations, Achieving honors in the family medicine and rural/underserved rotations may be especially helpful.
- Evidence of a commitment to community service is important for family medicine applications (Freeman, 2019). Becoming involved in community service projects can be helpful. Having a strong background in community service during undergrad is also helpful.