

**How to Apply to  
Piedmont Columbus Regional's  
Family Medicine Residency Program: Academic Year 2023-2024**

**We accept applications *only* through ERAS.**

- Please do not submit applications through e-mail or fax. Because of the contractual terms of participating in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP), any documents not received through ERAS will be discarded without being read.

**We do not sponsor visas.**

- To be eligible for consideration, applicants must either be a U.S. Citizen or have Permanent Resident Status.
- Piedmont Columbus Regional does not sponsor VISAs for resident physicians.

**Twelve (12) PGY-1 positions are available for the Family Medicine Residency**

- 12 positions are through the NRMP Match (ACGME Program # 1201211092)

**Invitations to Interview:**

- The pool of eligible applicants to our program is highly competitive and exceeds our finite number of interview slots. Invitations to interview are granted to those applicants who meet all of the program's eligibility criteria and who are the most highly qualified to be successful Family Medicine residents, taking into consideration multiple factors. You must graduate by May 2023 in order to begin orientation in mid-June 2024.
- Interviews are conducted from mid-October 2023 through mid-February 2024.
- Interviews are not scheduled during the Thanksgiving Holiday of November 23-24, 2023, or during the Christmas / New Year break of December 21, 2023 – January 3, 2024.
- The final deadline to submit your application through ERAS is January 31, 2024.

**For Those Graduating in 2024, a Completed Application Packet for our Residency Includes:**

- Completed Common ERAS Application Form
- Curriculum Vitae
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation written within the past one (1) year by U.S. Physicians with whom you have worked clinically. Letters must be written on the physician's letterhead stationery. Letters written on plain paper will not be accepted.
- Personal Statement explaining why you want to be a Family Medicine Physician.
- Medical School Transcript – There is a cut-off date of five (5) years since medical school graduation and you must have been actively involved in clinical medicine during the past one (1) year.
- Board Scores – We require that your USMLE (for allopathic candidates) or COMLEX (for osteopathic candidates) Parts 1 & 2 scores be competitive for our program. For applicants who are granted an interview but are still in medical school and have not taken Part II Clinical Knowledge or Part II Clinical Skills, please note that all these steps must be passed and reported to ERAS by February 15, 2023, in order to be ranked.
- Dean's Letter
- ECFMG Certificate (if applicable), as soon as available

Our program considers your application in its entirety. It is not accepted or declined based on Board scores or GPA alone.

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**Minimum Requirements for Consideration for Those Graduating More Than One (1) Year Ago:**

- Completed Common ERAS Application Form (i.e. all of the above components) *and*
- Two (2) months minimum of Clinical Rotations in the United States within the last one (1) year precepted by a licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician.
- For our consideration, Clinical Rotations must include independent and direct:
  - Contact with patients
  - History taking
  - Physical examinations
  - Development of differential diagnoses
  - Identification of relevant clinical findings
  - Problem assessments
  - Formulation of management and treatment plans
- Observerships or Externships which do not include the above will not be considered.

**Additional Requirements for Appointment and Employment at Piedmont Columbus Regional:**

- **Immunizations:** Immunization records are not part of the application, but are required by the end of April 2024 if matched with our program.

**Measles, Mumps & Rubella:**

- If you were born before 1957. Proof of immunization to Rubella by vaccination or titer
- If you were born on or after 1957. Proof of immunity to Rubella, Rubeola, and Mumps

**Hepatitis B Vaccine:**

- Series completed and dated or series in progress with list of pending dates to be completed
- Documented declination of vaccine or proof of immunity by Hepatitis B titer

**Varicella (Chicken Pox):**

- Proof of Varicella immunity with Titer, 2 vaccines documented, or history of exposure

**Tuberculosis:**

- Documented negative result on screening exam within the past year

**TD/Tdap Status:**

- Verified or documented

**Covid-19-completion of any approved series prior to employment**

- **Criminal background check:**
  - All potential employees are subject to a criminal background check and cannot be employed unless this is satisfactory.
- **Drug Screen:**
  - All potential employees are subject to a drug screening check and cannot be employed unless this is satisfactory.
- **Nicotine/Smoke-Free:**
  - Piedmont Columbus Regional will not employ smokers or individuals who use other tobacco/nicotine products, whether occasionally or socially. All applicants considered

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for hire will be subject to a nicotine test as a part of pre-employment testing process and during employment

- **Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification:**
  - Prior to employment, new resident physicians must provide documentation of current BLS Certification that is valid through the end of intern year, June 30, 2025. BLS is required to be able to take our ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support), PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) and NALS (Neonatal Advanced Life Support) courses.
  
- **Orientation Classes:**
  - New resident physicians must attend Orientation Classes starting June 17, 2024.
  - Applicants who match with our program but are not able to begin employment on June 17, 2024, are subject to immediate dismissal.
  - All new resident physicians must provide all necessary requested documentation to the Residency Coordinator prior to May 15, 2024, in order to begin employment and training.

Please contact M.A. Dowdell, Residency Coordinator, (706) 571-1430 for more details or answers to your questions.

To learn more about our program, visit:

<https://www.piedmont.org/locations/piedmont-columbus/residency/programs>