

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
MORSANI COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

**HOUSE OFFICER CONTRACT**

**2026-2027**

This House Officer Contract (hereinafter "Contract") is made and entered into by and between the University of South Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate of the State of Florida for and on behalf of the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine, (hereinafter "University"), and «**First\_Name**» «**Last\_Name**» (hereinafter "Resident", which term includes residents and fellows). In consideration of the mutual promises and conditions set forth in this Contract, University and Resident agree as follows:

**Resident accepts appointment to the University's Resident Training Program (hereinafter "Program") as a <<Status>> with a compensation status of <<CS>> in the Specialty, «Specialty», from «Start\_Date» through «End\_Date» (hereinafter "Contract Term").**

University strives to maintain a high-quality Graduate Medical Education ("GME") Program that provides fair and equitable access to individuals who meet the specified qualifications. **Resident understands that any failure to meet and maintain initial and continued appointment requirements as more fully set forth in this Contract, the GME Resident/Fellow Handbook (hereinafter "Housestaff Handbook"), University Policies and Regulations, GME policies, or requirements of USF, all applicable affiliate sites, the Florida Board of Medicine may result in a revocation, termination, or non-renewal of this Contract. Furthermore, Resident understands and agrees that, at all times, they must practice in conformity with all applicable rules and regulations of the State of Florida, federal governmental authorities, affiliate by-laws, and accrediting bodies.**

The current Housestaff Handbook can be found here:

<https://health.usf.edu/media/15bg4lbz/gme-residents-handbook.pdf>

GME Policies can be found here:

<https://health.usf.edu/medicine/gme/policies>

University Policies and Regulations can be found here:

<http://regulationspolicies.usf.edu/regulations-and-policies/regulations-policies-procedures.asp>

- A. **Residents' Responsibilities:** Residents are expected to conduct themselves as professionals in all situations. As such, Residents are expected to dress appropriately, use appropriate language, refrain from actual or perceived harassment, and interact with patients, families, students, and co-workers in a congenial and constructive manner. As mature adults with professional responsibility and standing, Residents must be committed to safety, quality, and excellence in all aspects of their activities and are expected to positively represent the University and its affiliates in all activities, both within and outside of the workplace.

Among a Resident's responsibilities in the Program are the following:

1. Completing all on-boarding, credentialing, and privileging processes in a timely matter. Receiving and maintaining credentialing and privileges for the University and all Program affiliate sites for the duration of the Program.
2. As part of the Program, a Resident may be required to rotate through a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital for additional learning opportunities. As a requirement of working at a Federal agency, the following provisions apply:
  - a. Males must have registered with the Selective Service System when they were between the ages of 18 to 26 years. This includes individuals who are US citizens, non-US citizens and dual nationals, regardless of their immigration status. Male for this purpose is defined as those individuals born male on their birth certificate regardless of current gender. Only male, non-US citizens on a student or visitor visa are exempt from registration. Though exempt from registration, these males are required to request a Status Information Letter issued from the Selective Service office stating they were not required to register.
  - b. In response to increasing threats against Government and health care targets, the VA has enhanced its security posture by strengthening credential and vetting practices in accordance with Federal guidelines. These requirements will include increased security and background investigations for all personnel requiring access to VA facilities and/or information systems, such as Health Professions Trainees. Your failure to meet and maintain initial and continued VA appointment requirements for any reason may result in a revocation, termination, or non-renewal of this Contract.
3. Developing a personal program of self-study and professional growth with guidance from the teaching staff.
4. Participating in safe, compassionate, and cost-effective patient care under supervision commensurate with level of advancement and responsibility and advising all patients of their status as a trainee.
5. Complying with the scope of practice documents and supervision policy pertinent to the Program and complying with the appropriate level of supervision for all patient care activities.
6. Participating in all the educational activities of the Program and, as required, assuming responsibility for teaching and supervising other students and Residents.
7. Nurturing and maintaining a positive learning environment for all learners, including being familiar with student mistreatment and professionalism policies (<https://health.usf.edu/medicine/mdprogram/mcom-guidelines>) and reporting ([https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_b335ItulGpIIH9A](https://usf.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b335ItulGpIIH9A)) procedures.
8. Participating in all required orientations, continuing education, educational modules, and safety seminars at USF and affiliated institutions. Maintaining current BLS/ACLS/PALS/NRP/ATLS certification, as applicable. **Resident is solely responsible for ensuring certifications are current and not expired.**
9. Participating in institutional programs and activities involving the medical staff and adhering to established practices, procedures, policies, and medical staff by-laws of the University and its affiliates.
10. Participating in institutional committees and councils, especially those that relate to patient care review activities and residency oversight activities.
11. Maintaining an active and verifiable State license or registration as a physician in training (training license) as required by the State of Florida. Active and verifiable State license or registration as a

physician in training must be obtained on or before the start date of this Contract Term and renewed at regular intervals. Submission of an application to the State licensing board is not considered an active and verifiable State license or registration as a physician in training until such license or registration has been granted by the State licensing board and can be verified with the State licensing board on the website or through written documentation from the State licensing board. **Resident is solely responsible for ensuring the State license or registration as a physician in training is current and not expired.**

12. Timely meeting of all obligations to the University and returning any University or affiliate property at the end of training (e.g. pagers, keys, etc.). Residents agree that, in the event they have any unfulfilled obligation(s) to the University, the University is authorized to withhold issuance of the certificate of Program completion until all such obligations are fulfilled.
  13. Complying with the applicable requirements of this Contract, all GME policies including but not limited to the Housestaff Handbook and all requirements, policies, and procedures of the University and its affiliates.
  14. Residents may be subject to foreign influence screening under Section 1010.35, Florida Statutes. Additional information regarding applicability of these screening requirements is available at: <https://www.usf.edu/hr/employment-resources/lifecycle/foreign-influence-screening.aspx>.
  15. Providing the GME Office with written notification of any change in status that may affect Resident's status or ability to perform in accordance with the terms of this Contract, including but not limited to authorization to work in the United States, education, license, visa, and fitness for duty.
  16. Report in writing to the USF GME Director any convictions that occur during the Resident's employment in accordance with [USF Policy 0-615](#).
  17. Demonstrate and maintain authorization to work in the United States and eligibility to be employed in the State of Florida without interruption and notify the program and GME Office in writing with any changes to status to include expiring work authorization documents.
  18. Demonstrate fitness for duty including a health assessment, background check, and drug screen and periodically undergo re-testing/screening and other testing and screenings as may be deemed appropriate by University and its affiliates.
  19. Notify the Program Director of a consensual relationship in which there is an actual or perceived power difference according to [USF Policy 1-022](#).
- B. Duration of Appointment: While it is generally anticipated that Residents who have met all requirements of their Program and conducted themselves appropriately will be allowed to complete the Program to which they were accepted, this Contract is for a maximum of one (1) year. Appointments may be renewed annually and continued retention in the Program depends on satisfactory performance/training progress, including adherence to acceptable professional behavior, as well as the continuation of requisite funding for the Program and the best interests of the Program. A Resident's reappointment and progression to more advanced levels will be based on the results of periodic reviews of the Resident's educational and professional achievement, competence, and progress as determined by the Program Director and teaching faculty. However, no appointment shall create any rights, interests, or expectancies of continuation beyond the term of the appointment itself. At the completion of each academic year, performance will be reviewed and the recommendations for continuation communicated by the Program Director or designee. Unsatisfactory progress or performance may result in academic probation, non-promotion, suspension, dismissal, or nonrenewal

([GME Policy 218](#)). In addition, acceptance into an initial residency at the University does not ensure acceptance into subsequent advanced training programs, nor does it ensure transfer into another training program at the University.

- C. Compensation: The University agrees to compensate the Resident during the above appointment period under this Contract at the rate of **«Comp Amt»** per annum. All Residents will receive financial support from the University as stipulated in this Contract. All Residents at comparable levels will be compensated according to the same schedule. Any exception to this policy must be approved in writing by the University's Morsani College of Medicine Dean or his designee ([GME Policy 200](#)).
- D. Conditions for Re-appointment: Each Resident shall be evaluated according to the requirements set forth in the ACGME Common Program Requirements (Section V) in addition to the USF GME Evaluation Policy ([GME Policy 206](#)). Promotion to the next level of training is determined by the training program criteria for promotion and renewal ([GME Policy 207](#)). In order to be re-appointed for the next year of residency training, a Resident must be in good standing with the University. Re-appointment requires satisfactory progress in the Program, Program-specific continuing education as required, State license or registration as a physician in training, BLS/ACLS/PALS/NRP/ATLS certification, and passage of USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX Level 3 prior to the PRG-3 year. Re-appointment is subject to approval by the Program Director and Designated Institutional Official (hereinafter "DIO"). Failure to pass USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX Level 3 prior to April 1 of the PRG-2 year will result in non-renewal of the Resident's appointment for the PRG-3 year.
- E. Continuation: Resident agrees and understands that continuation in the Program is dependent upon satisfactory performance in accordance with professional and patient care standards, Program criteria, the criteria and requirements of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education ("ACGME"), and compliance with the conditions and requirements of this Contract.
- F. Grievance and Due Process Procedures: Residents are provided protection against unfair treatment through a formal grievance procedure. Specific directions for filing a grievance are found in the Housestaff Handbook and GME Policies. Residents are advised that defined time intervals apply to most grievances and delay beyond these prescribed times may exclude the possibility of filing a grievance ([GME Policy 228](#)). Due Process procedures and the right of the Resident to initiate the appeal procedures are contained in the Corrective Action, Discipline, and Due Process Policy ([GME Policy 218](#)).
- G. Physician Impairment and Substance Abuse: The University and its affiliates are Drug Free Workplaces. No Resident may report to work while under the influence of illegal drugs and/or alcohol. Physician impairment and substance abuse will be handled in accordance with the Housestaff Handbook and the GME Physician Impairment and Substance Abuse policy ([GME Policy 304](#)) and the GME Drug Screening policy ([GME Policy 198](#)).
- H. Policies on Gender or Other Forms of Harassment: The University publishes specific guidelines and policies regarding all forms of harassment ([USF Policy 0-007](#)). These guidelines and policies are consistent with state and federal laws and rules. Sexual harassment, in particular, as well as all other forms of harassment, is inconsistent with the role of a professional and is not tolerated by the University. Residents with knowledge of harassment are encouraged to promptly report such activity to the Office of the Dean of the University's College of Medicine, the Office of GME, their Program Director, or the [USF Ethics Point Hotline](#). Residents are required to annually complete Responsible Employee Training.
- I. Insurance:
  - 1. Liability coverage: Pursuant to § 768.28, Fla. Stat., state employees (such as USF Morsani College of Medicine faculty and residents) may not be held personally liable or named as a party defendant in professional malpractice suits for damage suffered as a result of any

negligent act in the scope of their employment or their educational program, except in a few limited circumstances (*e.g.* intentional harm or reckless disregard of patient safety). In light of the benefits of immunity provided by law, Residents, while performing their duties must identify themselves at all times as University Residents. Accordingly, Residents must wear their University-issued ID badge at all times while participating in the Program. [The USF Health Self Insurance Program](#) does not provide professional liability protection for moonlighting or any activities outside of the University Resident trainee appointment. Professional liability protection for incidents occurring outside the scope of a Resident's University function is not provided. Please refer to the [Housestaff Handbook](#) for additional information or [GME Policy 211](#).

2. Health, Disability, and Life Insurance. Residents are offered disability and life insurance from the University's College of Medicine GME program. Health insurance and other supplemental insurance options are available through the State of Florida. Residents should refer to the [GME](#) and [USF](#) websites to familiarize themselves with the conditions of these plans, including but not limited to: deductibles; co-payments for non-participating physicians/institutions; and benefits for dependents. Health insurance coverage does **not** begin on the first day of employment. Contact the GME Office or see the GME website for information on interim coverage that can be purchased if desired. Information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) can be found on the GME website policies page.
  3. Other Benefits: Other benefits and eligibility information such as retirement, vision, and dental that are through the State of Florida are detailed in the [Housestaff Handbook](#) and [USF](#) website.
- J. Leave Policies: A comprehensive leave policy is outlined in the [Housestaff Handbook](#) and [GME Policy 215](#).
1. Effect of Leave on Program Completion: Residents anticipating the need to request leave beyond board limits, compensated or uncompensated, should discuss the impact on their Program completion prior to commencing the leave. Repeat of training and/or make up time required to fulfill criteria for completion of residency is determined by the Program Director consistent with the standards of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), <http://www.abms.org>. Residents are not automatically entitled to additional training beyond the prescribed amount in order to meet board requirements.
- K. Requirements for Board Certification: Each Board of the ABMS has individual requirements that Residents should become familiar with. In addition, important information regarding requirements and applications is available on the <http://www.abms.org/> website, with links to the individual websites for each Board. Listed on the website is a brief summary of the current requirements. Please note that many Boards have a requirement for a minimum number of weeks worked for a year of training to qualify for Board Certification. A Resident who is concerned about his or her eligibility should meet with the Program Director and/or contact the appropriate Board for information.
- L. Clinical Work and Education Hours (Duty Hours): Residents will not work more than (80) hours per week (averaged over a four (4)-week period, depending on specialty), inclusive of all in-house call activities and all approved moonlighting. Residents must be scheduled for a mandatory 24 hours off per 7-day period free of duty every week (when averaged over a four (4)-week period, depending on specialty). At home call cannot be assigned on these free days. Residents/fellows are required to log their work hours online at least monthly, no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the following month. For complete Duty Hour rules refer to the USF GME Policy on Clinical Experience and Education Work Hours of

Residents: [GME Policy 208](#).

- M. Moonlighting and Outside Activities: Residents are not required to engage in Moonlighting. Residents may not accept employment or engage in moonlighting or outside activity, compensated or uncompensated, which may interfere with their scheduled time working as a trainee and the full performance of clinical responsibilities, interfere with Resident achievement of the educational goals or objectives, or adversely affect patient safety. Moonlighting or outside activity must be within the limits of the ACGME-mandated workweek. Any proposed moonlighting or outside professional activities must be reported in writing to and approved in advance by the Program Director and the DIO using the approved Moonlighting/Outside Activity Request Form and reported in the USF e-Disclose system, ([GME Policy 209](#)). The USF Health Self Insurance Program does NOT provide professional liability protection for Residents participating in moonlighting. PGY-1 residents are not permitted to moonlight.
- N. Counseling and Psychological Support Services: A Resident Assistance Program (RAP) and USF Employee Assistance Program (EAP) are provided to all Residents as a benefit of their participation in the Program. Services include confidential, affordable mental health assessment, including self-screening tools, counseling, and treatment with urgent and emergent care access. Residents are advised to consult the Housestaff Handbook for a full description of this benefit. Currently, eight (8) visits per year are prepaid. More information is available in the [Housestaff Handbook](#), [GME Policy 227](#), or the [RAP website](#).
- O. Photo/Video Release: The University reserves the right to take photographs of Residents in any areas where subjects would not have an expectation of privacy. Your presence in or around University/affiliate facilities and/or properties, as well as at off-campus University sponsored events, constitutes your consent to capture and/or use your image or likeness without remuneration. Residents can opt-out by contacting the USF GME Director and completing a Photo Opt Out Form. Those who do NOT want to be photographed and have completed a Photo Opt Out Form are responsible for notifying the camera operator of their opt-out status, and/or removing themselves from any event where photographs/videography are in use. Failure to do so may result in the Resident's inclusion in a photograph or recording and will be treated as a release, allowing the University to utilize that photograph or recording accordingly.
- P. Affiliate Notification: The University may be contractually required to notify an affiliate site after receiving notice of any of the following: (i) the filing of any report regarding a Resident with the National Practitioner Data Bank or the Florida Department of Health, or Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA); or (ii) a Notice of Intent to Initiate Litigation (NOI), summons, complaint, written claim, or other document that alleges professional negligence or misconduct on the part of a Resident while performing medical services.
- Q. Residency Closure/Reduction: Changes in public policy as well as changes in federal funding may, in the future, require adjustments in the number of Residents in existing programs or could even result in the closure of a program. In the event the University intends to reduce the size of or close a residency program, the University will inform affected Residents as soon as possible and make every effort to allow Residents already in the program to complete their education. If any Residents are displaced by the closure of a program or a reduction in the number of Residents, the University will assist the Residents in identifying a program in which they can continue their education ([GME Policy 217](#)).
- R. Complete Contract: This Contract is contingent upon the completeness and accuracy of the appointment documents prepared and submitted by the Resident. Falsification of any of the appointment documents, or failure to meet eligibility requirements constitutes cause for non-

appointment or termination. This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous oral or written agreements or understandings between the parties. Incorporated herein are policies that govern University Residents. In signing this Contract, Resident agrees to fully comply with all such policies and provisions and indicates Resident's acceptance of this position. The University may unilaterally modify its policies and procedures, or the [Housestaff Handbook](#) at any time. This Contract may be unilaterally amended to comply with ACGME Standards, Medicare/Medicaid billing or eligibility requirements or any applicable state or federal law or regulation.

- S. **Declaration of No Human Trafficking:** Under penalty of perjury, the Resident signing this Contract below warrants and declares, to the best of their knowledge and belief, that Resident does not use coercion for labor or services as defined in Section 787.06, Florida Statutes. This Contract shall immediately terminate upon a breach of this section by Resident.

By signing below, Resident agrees to the terms of this Contract. In addition, Resident attests that they have reviewed the [Housestaff Handbook](#) and [GME Policies and Procedures](#) as published on the [GME website](#).

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Resident

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Program Director

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Sr. Associate Dean, Graduate Medical Education  
Designated Institutional Official (DIO)