

In His Image Family Medicine Residency Program

Frequently Asked Questions: International Medical Graduates

What are the USMLE Score requirements?

We do not require specific USMLE scores for admittance to residency. What we do require is that you have passed the USMLE step 1 and then step 2CK and step 2CS on your first, second or third try for each part. We do not require Step 3.

IHI rarely ranks someone who has passed any step on their third try. Almost everyone we rank has passed each step on their first try since that is what our state licensing board prefers.

Do you require applicants to have US clinical experience, externships or observerships?

We do not require prior clinical experience, whether in the US or abroad. We also do not offer to any IMGs an observership, externship or research position.

What else do I need to know as an IMG?

We take MDs, DOs and IMGs. For IMGs we accept green cards and also assist with the paperwork for a J-1 visa. About 20% of our residents are IMGs. All applicants go through the NRMP match; we do not offer prematch positions.

Each year we receive over 1,000 applications from IMGs. We are only able to interview about seven of those. We rarely interview or rank someone who has graduated from medical school more than seven years ago.