

	Name of Policy: <b>MEDICAL LICENSE POLICY FOR RESIDENTS</b>	
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All residents at SIU training programs are required to obtain and maintain an active medical license. It is the resident's responsibility to maintain an active license. PGY-1 and PGY-2 residents must obtain a temporary medical license and are required to apply for the license in a timely fashion once agreeing to start at SIU. Residents cannot practice until they have been issued an active license.

The Office of Residency Affairs will provide the affiliated hospitals with a printout from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations (IDFPR) online verification page when a license is issued. The Office of Residency Affairs will provide a license, printed from the IDFPR online portal, to the respective training program and one will be placed in the resident's institutional file.

If a resident or fellow separates from their program for any reason prior to its conclusion, the Office of Residency Affairs will notify IDFPR in accordance with state law. Separation is defined by IDFPR as 1) any interruption exceeding 45 days, whether continuous or aggregate, in any 365 day period with the exception of maternity or paternity leave; 2) non-renewal of a person's contract.

Residents at level PGY-3 or above may either obtain a temporary medical license or a permanent license. Once a resident obtains a permanent license, the resident is required to also obtain state and federal DEA numbers. Programs will notify the Office of Residency Affairs if a resident moves from a temporary to a permanent license.

Although many individuals at the program level and the Office of Residency Affairs assist residents in remembering that a license will expire, it is ultimately the residents' responsibility to maintain an active license. Residents who fail to do so cannot practice and will be immediately suspended without pay until a license is reissued.