



**Planning Document:** Department of Graduate Medical Education (GME)

**Purpose Statement:**

The PNWU-COM Graduate Medical Education Department provides support for residencies, sponsoring institutions, rural training tracks, and fellowships primarily in the PNWU-COM six-state region in the following areas: Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accreditation, osteopathic education, faculty development, scholarly activity, osteopathic recognition, and program director support.

Through collaborations with the WWAMI Family Medicine Residency Network, the Rural Training Track Collaborative, and other regional institutions/networks, the GME department works to establish, maintain, and grow residency placement opportunities for PNWU-COM students. We also provide a continuum of medical education promoting osteopathic principles and practices for UGME and GME and continuing medical education (CME) for regional providers and learners. Internally, we collaborate with multiple COM departments to assist medical students with career planning and residency action plans.

**Definitions:**

Graduate Medical Education: Graduate medical education is the formal training received after earning a degree of MD or DO; i.e. internship, residency, fellowship.

Academic Affiliate: PNWU is an academic affiliate when a GME program/sponsoring institution lists PNWU as an affiliated medical school on the ACGME website that has asked for and received GME services listed below.

Scholarly Activity: The GME Research Facilitator (RF) assists in the formulation of research strategies and goals by providing research support to residents within PNWU-affiliated residency programs. Assist residency programs such that a meaningful research component is incorporated in the residency program as outlined in the scholarly activity requirements by the American College of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

COM GME Defined Service Area: Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon (WWAMIO)

**Who GME Serves:**

Internal PNWU Customers	External Customers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medical Students</li> <li>○ Faculty and Staff</li> <li>○ Senior Leadership COM and University</li> <li>○ Student Affairs Dept.</li> <li>○ Clinical Education Dept.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Service Area residency programs (all specialties)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Faculty, residents, program directors, residency managers and coordinators, directors of osteopathic education, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Hospitals and other health care organizations working to develop new or maintain current graduate medical education programs</li> <li>○ WA State Legislature Family Medicine Education Advisory Board FMEAB</li> <li>○ WWAMI Family Medicine Residency Network FMRN</li> <li>○ The Rural Training Track Collaborative RTT</li> <li>○ Medical Schools, professional organizations and other collaborative groups working in, or with, GME</li> </ul>

**GME Services Provided:**

- Assist regional residency programs in meeting standards with ACGME to promote, implement, and maintain Osteopathic Recognition.
- Provide support for residency programs with ACGME internal review site visits, sharing best practices, resource development, curriculum, osteopathic residency resources, and facilitating networking between programs.
- Provide support for resident scholarly activity through research project development resources and collaboration with other programs.
- Solicit feedback from affiliated and other GME programs regionally and nationally to direct UGME curriculum development and refinement to improve PNWU student placement and match rates in the region.
- Develop and deliver osteopathic education workshops, webinars and didactics targeted at resident faculty, residents, community osteopathic preceptors, and allopathic learners matriculating into ACGME residencies.
- Assist regional program directors/coordinators and DIO/DOE's in setting policies to meet Residency Review Committee (RRC), specialty-specific program requirements, and other operating policies as requested.
- Cultivate students on the successful path to residency including but not limited to; personal statements, residency planning and guidance, CVs, residency recruitment, networking with regional programs, PNWU Student Interest Group activities, and placement into residency.