



RE: Eligibility and Selection

Dear Prospective Applicant:

First of all, let me thank you for your interest in the Pathology Residency Program at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. Hopefully this will answer some of your questions and assist you in the application process. We also encourage you to review our website at www.upstate.edu/pathology/residency to further answer questions you may have regarding our program.

The Department of Pathology offers a traditional, comprehensive, fully accredited residency program with a curriculum emphasizing supervised experience. Elective opportunities are available in the fourth year. University Hospital, a 350-bed, Level 1 Trauma Center, serves 17 counties in Upstate and Central New York. Residents rotate at University Hospital, the Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office, and the nearby Veterans Administration Hospital. We are located in downtown Syracuse, the fourth largest city in New York State. Surrounded by breathtaking countryside, Syracuse offers a rich city life with a variety of cultural and recreational offerings.

It is our policy to accept applications through ERAS only (Electronic Residency Application Service). Please do NOT fax, email or snail mail your application, CV, etc. The deadline for submitting applications is **October 10, 2011**. Interviews will take place during November and December. You must also participate in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP). I stress that your application will not be reviewed until it is complete. As a point of information, we received 421 applications this year for 3 openings.

To be considered for a possible interview, you must be ECFMG certified (unless you are currently completing medical school). You will need to provide, *via ERAS*, CV, medical school transcript, USMLE Step I/COMLEX official documentation, personal statement, Dean's letter and three CURRENT letters of recommendation. No US experience is required. Our minimum score requirement is 80, pass on first attempt. No more than 10 years post medical school graduation – firm. We do NOT participate in the couples match. We do NOT offer observerships, externships, research or volunteer positions. Approximately 75% of our residents are foreign medical school graduates. Our program requires that Step III be successfully completed by the end of the second year of residency; the institution requires successful completion by the end of the PGY3 year.

We are able to sponsor J1 visas only, **no exceptions**.

I look forward to receiving your application and to meeting you, should you be selected to come to Syracuse for an interview. Good luck to you!

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