

**Policy on Licensure**

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Each McGaw trainee must have a valid Illinois medical license. The cost of the license is the responsibility of the trainee. No trainee shall begin training until a valid license is issued nor will credit be given for time spent in activities performed prior to obtaining a license. It is the responsibility of each trainee to obtain or renew their permanent or temporary license.

Temporary licenses are issued for three years, but if the trainee has not changed programs (and upon the approval of the Medical Examining Board), can be renewed for the length of the training program.

Permanent licenses can be issued only after two full years of training and successful completion of the USMLE examinations. Some trainees anticipate a future position in a state other than Illinois and thus do not wish to pursue a permanent Illinois license. A permanent license is required for moonlighting, in conjunction with the program's moonlighting policy.

Trainees who choose to complete training on a temporary license must still complete all USMLE examination steps as soon as they are eligible, as outlined in the "Policy on Examination Requirements." Failure to complete these examinations in a timely manner may result in a delay in obtaining a permanent license once training is complete.