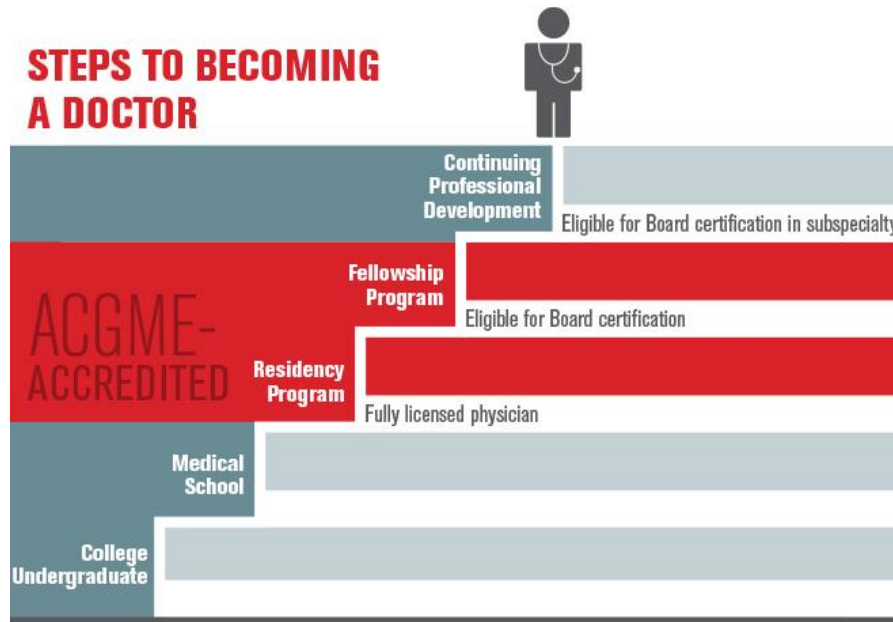


# Graduate Medical Education



- **Graduate Medical Education (GME)**, also known as residency training, prepares physicians for the independent practice of medicine
- Medical students, during their fourth year, submit applications and interview to be accepted into a residency program
- Residency training is required of all medical specialties for board certification
- The length of residency depends on the medical specialty
  - Primary care (family, peds, internal med) residency training is 3 years
- **Residency:** A planned program of post-professional clinical and didactic education designed to advance significantly the physician's preparation as a provider of patient care services in a defined area of clinical practice.
- **Fellowship:** A post-professional, funded, and planned learning experience in a focused area of clinical practice, education, or research (not infrequently post-doctoral or for post-residency prepared, or board-certified physicians).
- A teaching hospital may apply to create new residency programs
- The average residency slot costs at least \$100,000 per year, according to industry group Teaching Hospitals of Texas. That includes what medical schools pay to hire faculty as well as costs borne by hospitals to pay for a resident's salary, benefits and malpractice insurance.
- 1997 cap (The number of training positions eligible for Medicare GME funding has been frozen in teaching hospitals since 1997)