

UTHSCSA Graduate Medical Education Policies

<p>Section 2</p> <p>Policy 2.12.</p>	<p>General Policies & Procedures</p> <p>Residency Closure and Reduction</p>	<p>Effective: October 2000</p> <p>Revised: April 2008, February 2015</p> <p>Responsibility: Designated Institutional Official</p>
<p>Closure and Reduction of Residency Programs, Major Participating Sites, and Sponsoring Institution</p>		
<p>Purpose</p>	<p>The ACGME requires that the Sponsoring Institution (SI) maintain a policy that addresses GMEC oversight of reductions in size or closure of each of its ACGME-accredited programs, or closure of the Sponsoring Institution. In addition, the GMEC is responsible for oversight of all processes related to reductions and closures of individual ACGME-accredited <u>programs</u>, loss of accreditation for patient care or restriction/loss of approval to conduct patient care in <u>major participating sites</u>, and the <u>SI</u>.</p>	
<p>Policy</p>	<p><u>Program Closure/Reduction</u> - If a decision is made to close or reduce the size of a residency program, the SI will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify the GMEC, the DIO, program director(s) and residents of all pertinent details. • Make every effort to accomplish the reduction without adverse effect on residents currently in training. • Establish a phase-out plan that allows currently enrolled residents to complete their education within the program, if possible. If that is not possible, the SI, in conjunction with the participating institutions, will assist the displaced residents in enrolling in other ACGME-accredited training positions in which they can continue their education. • When appropriate, comply with the ACGME “Procedure for Alleged Egregious or Catastrophic Events” policy. <p><u>Major Participating Site</u> - If a major participating site loses its accreditation for patient care, if its license is denied, suspended, or revoked, the SI will notify and provide a plan for response to the Institutional Review Committee (IRC) within 30 days of such loss. (Based on the particular circumstances, the IRC may request the ACGME invoke its “Procedure for Alleged Egregious or Catastrophic Events” policy.)</p> <p><u>Sponsoring Institution</u> – If UTHSCSA intends to close the SI, the DIO and GMEC will notify the major participating sites, participating sites, programs and residents. When it intends to reduce the size of or close one or more programs, or when the Sponsoring Institution intends to close.</p>	

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References ACGME Institutional Requirements effective 7/1/2015, I.A.8-9, IV.N.