

Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award



While program coordinators' titles may vary, this generally refers to the role that supports the program director, manages day-to-day program operations, and is actively involved in the program's ACGME-related functions. This award recognizes these individuals for their deep understanding of the accreditation process, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and projects that improve graduate medical education (GME).



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Nominators had this to say:

"Ms. Garcia is the longest-standing staff member in the University of New Mexico Department of Family and Community Medicine. She has now supported multiple program directors through program accreditation processes. If questions come up about program requirements or the accreditation process, department faculty go first to Ms. Garcia for both information and support. She has developed an incomparable level of expertise, and program directors and coordinators around the state come to her for this expertise as well."

"Ms. Garcia has been key in supporting a new residency program in the state, the Shiprock family medicine residency program. This program is the first of its kind, with PGY-2-3 levels sponsored directly by the Indian Health Service at a facility on the Navajo Nation. Ms. Garcia has been essential in enabling this partnership and supporting and mentoring the new program coordinator."

"Ms. Garcia is the epitome of lifelong learning, leadership, and mentorship of others and is called upon throughout the institution of UNM to help with the 70 other residency and fellowship programs. Dolores has trained innumerable program coordinators across UNM and has trained program coordinators at multiple rural residencies in New Mexico, including Las Cruces, Silver City, and Santa Fe. Most recently, Ms. Garcia has been instrumental in the creation of the first and only residency affiliated with the Indian Health Service in Shiprock, New Mexico."