

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. The Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award recognizes these individuals for their deep understanding of the accreditation process, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and projects that improve GME.



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Nominators had this to say:

“Ms. Norton has been the Academic Service Specialist in the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Maryland since 2017, serving as the residency coordinator for the core orthopaedics residency program and the supervisor-mentor-resource for the other academic coordinators within the department of orthopaedics. In her role, Ms. Norton’s oversight and support extends to all programs

within the department of orthopaedics, including the ACGME residency and fellowship programs in hand surgery, trauma, and spine, and the [American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons]-recognized fellowship in limb preservation and deformity correction.”

“Ms. Norton consistently demonstrates and utilizes excellent communication skills with professionalism when interacting with the GME office team and in her contributions to the discussions at GMEC meetings, and other GME-related forums. She is a member of the GMEC Duty Hours Subcommittee, charged to refine processes for institutional and program oversight of [resident] duty hours. She is a member of the GMEC Care Pack subcommittee, implemented to identify and collate resources for program members, to better support persons at risk and to recognize the risks, signs, symptoms of impairment, and those at risk of self-harm. She actively participates in coordinator professional development forums. Ms. Norton is respected and honored by the local, regional, and national GME community. She is a trusted confidant, organizer, manager of resources, demonstrating excellence in technical skills and administration, kindness, and generosity with her time and effort, and a friend to many.”