

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:

"[Alyssa is] beloved by our residents and critically important to the residency itself. She cares a great deal about them and their families. She frequently checks in with residents who may be struggling personally as well as professionally, providing them not only helpful resources but also a listening ear, reassurance, and advice when needed."

"Alyssa has also been recognized nationally in the field of plastic surgery, having been selected by her peers as president of the program coordinators for our Academic Council of Academic Plastic Surgeons. This came as no surprise given her commitment to our program and residents and further demonstrates the level of respect that she has gathered from her peers over the years."

"Alyssa has contributed immensely to the improvement of the program. She designed an innovative recruitment strategy during the COVID-19 pandemic. Alyssa spearheaded a "meet the resident" feature on Instagram, filmed and edited videos of the hospital and resident activities, organized meet and greets for applicants, and actively engaged prospective candidates to participate in journal clubs. On interview day, Alyssa was the master director, making sure every single person (applicant, faculty, resident) was always in the right (chat)room at the right time."

"Alyssa adeptly spearheaded our transition back to the in-person interview this season. She created an online interview website with helpful resources on our program and city. She provided detailed instructions and schedules for each applicant, so that everyone felt that the interview day went smoothly and without stress."