

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. Taylor takes time to learn about each subspecialty, the relevant accreditation requirements, and the culture and personalities of the clinical groups. She is respected by her program directors and valued by her fellows. She knows what is required, but she sees beyond what is required to what could be. She routinely proposes innovative ideas for curriculum development or problem solving, and these are nearly always successfully adopted. These initiatives range from simple items like restructuring a Program Evaluation Committee so as to increase effectiveness, to more complex items like restructuring clinical service lines to enhance the clinical learning environment for fellows.”

“Additionally, as new GME administrators join our team, Ms. Taylor serves as their primary mentor and resource, supporting their transition to our team and to the world of GME, if needed. She is exceptionally detail oriented and organized, but not rigid, and takes great pride in her work. These traits, combined with her calm and patient demeanor, provide reassurance and direction to those with whom she interacts and works. Indeed, her role surpasses that of a support position to one of true mentorship and leadership.”

“Ms. Taylor's competence extends beyond a knowledge of requirements and administrative acumen. She is a role model for humanism. She developed and leads our wellness events. She makes connections with personnel at remote sites and builds the necessary relationships. She's the meeting on your Outlook calendar that you look forward to because you will smile and laugh together. And if an occasional bump comes up in the road, she fixes it without a mention.”