

GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award



The GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award honors and recognizes the crucial role that program coordinators play in the success of a residency/fellowship program. The ACGME congratulates the recipients of the 2018 GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award.



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Nominators had this to say:

“First and foremost, Denise is a highly dedicated and conscientious person. Her first priority is always the residents and their well-being. She is always aware of how they are, how they are doing, and always seeking to find ways that she could help them. She celebrates their successes and supports them in their struggles. She is always thinking of innovative ways to make the residents' lives better, more organized, or more rewarding. She serves as the residents' number one advocate

when it comes to institutional policies, procedures, and actions and finds ways to ensure that the resident perspective is represented.”

“I was an Associate Program Director for several years and Denise was a wonderful support for me as I took over that role. She patiently answered all of my questions and helped gently guide me so that I could shine. She continued this support as I became Program Director last year.”

“Denise is a resource for other coordinators both in our program and department but also throughout our institution. Over the past several years, we have had three assistant coordinators who have joined our group and learned important skills from Denise. They have gone on to promotions, serving as the main coordinators for smaller programs at University of Michigan using the skills they learned working with Denise.”