

Debra L. Dooley GME Program Coordinator Excellence Award



While program coordinators' titles may vary, this generally refers to those who support the program director, manage day-to-day program operations, and are 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 graduate medical education (GME).



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Nominators had this to say:

“Regarding her knowledge of program requirements, Dawn can be counted on to always be up to date on the latest developments with accreditation. She doesn't simply wait to find out what the requirements are, rather, she actively engages in providing feedback and thoughts on any proposed changes. She remains active in the Association of Residency Coordinators in Surgery and Association of Residency Administrators in Surgery [ARAS], serving on a number of committees. Recently she has been a member of the ARAS ACGME Program Requirements Ad Hoc Committee.”

“Dawn is always willing to advance her knowledge of our program as well as the rules and regulations involving the surgery Review Committee and the ACGME as a whole. She serves in leadership positions including serving on the executive committee of the Association of Residency Coordinators in Surgery (ARCS). She has served on several committees of the ARCS before her assignment to the executive committee; and these include being chair of the professional development committee, chair of the media and publications committee, the curriculum committee, program evaluation committee and ad hoc committee on program requirements.”

“Dawn's dedication to others can be seen in all aspects of her life in and outside of the workplace. Early in my residency she encouraged me to get involved with "Girls on the Run", a mentorship program for young girls within the community that promotes exercise. She has been an active mentor in this organization for many years. Watching Dawn interact with those girls further solidified my belief that she is a truly remarkable, selfless, and caring person. She has been an invaluable role model to both me and the girls within her group, encouraging us to always better ourselves.”