

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:

“Prior to the [COVID-19] pandemic when every program was trying to figure out how to keep track of their residents' attendance during didactics, Ms. Ezzo and one of our chiefs trialed using a QR code method of taking attendance. This provided quick and generally accurate information. After our program used this method for an academic year, they floated the idea to American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training (AADPRT) as a session for the coordinators. It was accepted and soon program coordinators from across the country learned how to employ this very method.”

“My favorite experience with Sharon was her relentless work in helping me secure an away rotation to work with adults with developmental disabilities. This ended up being one of my favorite rotations of residency and has significantly benefited me as a CAP fellow, having been able to see the entire spectrum of life. I doubt most other institutions can say this: I am a better doctor, resident, and fellow because of my program coordinator.”