

## International Application Fellowship Information

Tennessee defines an “international physician” as a physician who has received medical training outside of the USA or Canada. That means that a US citizen may also be classified as an international physician if they did not receive medical training in either of these two countries.

- A. International Physicians who received postgraduate training in a country other than the USA or Canada**
- B. International Physicians who received postgraduate training in Canada or the USA (regardless of citizenship)**

**In addition, a medical degree and postgraduate training is assumed:**

- A. International Physicians with Post Graduate Training In a Country Other Than Canada or the USA:**

Under TN licensure rules, an international physician with no medical training in the USA or Canada, must show the following in order to receive a full medical license in TN:

- a. Three years of postgraduate experience in an ACGME or LCME approved medical training program.
- b. ECFMG Certification
- c. USMLE Steps 1, 2
  - 1. USMLE Step 3 is required in order for Vanderbilt to obtain H-1B or O-1 visa status approval
  - 2. But USMLE Step 3 is not required if physician attended medical school in the USA
- d. Evidence of permission to work in the USA (may be obtained if Vanderbilt sponsors the physician)
  - 1. Unrestricted license will not be issued to persons with J-1 visa status

- B. International Physicians with Post Graduate Training in Canada or the USA**

Under TN licensure rules, an international physician with medical training in Canada or the USA must show the following in order to receive a full medical license in TN:

- a. One year of postgraduate experience in an ACGME or LCME approved medical training program.
- b. USMLE Steps 1, 2
  - 1. USMLE Step 3 is required in order for Vanderbilt to obtain H-1B or O-1 visa status approval
  - 2. But USMLE Step 3 is not required if physician attended medical school in the USA
- c. Evidence of permission to work in the USA (may be obtained if Vanderbilt sponsors the physician).
  - 1. Unrestricted license will not be issued to persons with J-1 visa status
- d. No ECFMG certification is required for persons who were trained in Canada or the USA

**\*A full and unrestricted Tennessee medical license is required for the second year of the Surgical Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery fellowship.**