

**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER**  
**Paul L. Foster School of Medicine**  
**GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**  
**Standard Policy and/or Procedure**

**TITLE:** Delayed Start of Training

**PURPOSE:** To establish a policy regarding the length of time to hold a residency position for an accepted applicant who is unable to begin training on the stated contract date.

**REVIEW:** This Standard Policy and/or Procedure will be reviewed each even numbered year (ENY) by the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC).

**POLICY STATEMENT:** The Paul L. Foster School of Medicine shall not be contractually obligated to hold the residency position of an accepted applicant who has not obtained and submitted all of the required credentials by the stated contract date. However, a Program Director, at his/her discretion, may allow a specified period of time for missing credentials to be obtained by an accepted applicant not to exceed forty-five (45) days from the initial contract date and/or start of the academic year.