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## Army Residency Affiliation

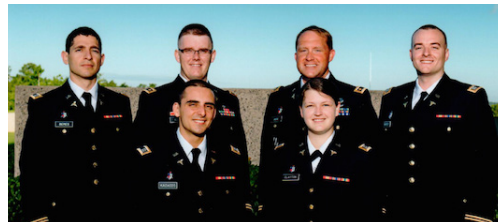
Emergency Medicine Residency at Augusta University Medical Center

*The Emergency Medicine residency program at Augusta University Medical Center offers US Army physicians the opportunity to train in a fast paced, high acuity, high volume civilian tertiary care center.*

We are a Level 1 trauma center, and serve as the safety net hospital for the CSRA region of Georgia and South Carolina, seeing over 75,000 patients annually. Our program emphasizes critical care, with a strong curriculum of MICU, STICU, and PICU rotations in addition to the 8 adult critical bays typically filled in our ER. We offer an exceptional integrated ultrasound curriculum, guided by internationally renowned faculty. We are co-located with Children's Hospital of Georgia, the region's only dedicated children's hospital. There, residents will help see over 30,000 pediatric patients annually under the instruction of a gifted fellowship-trained faculty.

The medical center hosts the Center For Operational Medicine, offering residents the opportunity to become involved in many areas of tactical, disaster, and prehospital medicine. Of particular note to Army applicants, our program provides medical direction to the Columbia County Sheriff's Department SRT, and residents provide both training and direct support to this elite tactical team's operations.

While not technically assigned to Fort Gordon, our residents do rotate in the Eisenhower Army Medical Center ED, cardiology service, and MICU, ensuring exposure to the military practice environment. Additionally, we boast a faculty rich in both retired and active duty EM physicians, ensuring our residents are well prepared to start their military practice upon graduation.



### **Is this a deferment? Will my service obligation be different than the other Army programs?**

No, you will remain on active duty during your residency and will incur no additional service obligation

### **Do I apply in the MODS residency match like the other army programs?**

Yes, the application process and match is the same for our program as the other Army programs.

### **Are there any away rotations requiring travel?**

One of the benefits of our program is that we can provide a full educational experience right here in Augusta, and no travel is required.

### **Are the Army residents treated differently from the civilian residents?**

The residency is completely integrated, with just a handful of differences in specific block rotations so that Army residents can get some practice time at Fort Gordon.

### **Are there other opportunities for me to engage with my military peers and participate in Army professional development?**

Yes! Our residents are given the opportunity to attend multiple military medicine conferences that occur throughout the year. Our residents have also garnered many honors at national wilderness medicine, simulation, and airway management competitions well-attended by military programs.

### **What sort of jobs do Army residents get after graduation?**

Our graduating residents have been placed in all aspects of Military Emergency Medicine, including elite jobs in Special Operations units, fellowships, other operational units, and of course in many military hospital ERs.

### **Does your program offer any other unique opportunities?**

Our program has a rich tradition of providing medical coverage for the area's many large sporting events, from boxing and MMA matches to the world's largest 70.3 Iron Man to the legendary Masters Golf Tournament.

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## Rotation Information

We welcome all military applicants to apply for a rotation. We offer a 2-week and 4-week rotation and make every effort to accommodate on the requested dates. If the requested dates aren't available another option will be provided. Information and requests can be sent in up to a year in advance, with the caveat that assignments won't be secured until early April.

Throughout the clerkship, a student will work in one of the Emergency Departments for a total of approximately 150 hours - providing the opportunity to care for a diverse group of adult and pediatric patients with a wide variety of urgent and emergent conditions. Students work closely with EM faculty and residents to formulate treatment and disposition plans while learning life saving procedures. The rotation has a robust didactic component with 4-5 hours of weekly medical student focused EM lectures, simulation training, and residency grand rounds. All clerkship participants also take "The Emergency Procedures Course" (EPC). The EPC is an online & simulation based procedures course covering several emergent, life saving procedures such as cricothyroidotomy, thoracostomy, and central venous access. Students will also be given the opportunity to participate in optional EMS, Ultrasound, & Disaster Medicine mini-electives.

Those who rotate in the Augusta area will have didactic lectures with the Emergency Medicine residents as well as lectures designed and given solely to our rotating students. These lectures include a splinting workshop, simulator use, emergency ultrasound, radiology reading, and a suture lab. We will expand these lectures as we continue to improve the rotation.

We are currently using the text "An Introduction to Clinical Emergency Medicine" by S.V. Mahadevan and Gus M. Garmel. The text is loaned to our rotators by the department of Emergency Medicine so there is no text to buy. We do not require any other text for the purposes of this rotation.

## About Augusta

Nestled along the banks of the mighty Savannah River, Georgia's second largest city offers its visitors and nearly half-a-million residents traditional Southern charm plus the perks of big city life— arts, culture, shopping, education opportunities, fine, cuisine, state-of-the-art healthcare, sports, and a slew of recreational pursuits. Here you can literally soak up the best of all worlds. With a wide variety of amenities within just a short drive, you will find the area pleasantly devoid of the traffic snarls plaguing so many metropolitan areas. Augusta's southern hospitality is evident from the temperate climate to the year-round greenery that reminds residents and visitors alike of Augusta's designation as the "Garden City".

Augusta is the perfect place to kayak, canoe, fish or enjoy a boat ride. You can also explore the Augusta Canal National Heritage area during one of their daily boat tours or weekend sunset or music cruises. You can even rent a kayak and explore the canal at your own pace.

Experience first class mountain biking and hiking trails at F.A.T.S. Trails or enjoy a nature ride through Pinizy Swamp Nature Park or down the trails that run along the Augusta Canal.

If you're looking for unique outdoor fun, try a round of disc golf. There are several disc golf courses in the Augusta area, including the headquarters of the Professional Disc Golf Association. Or register for the ES1 Ironman 70.3 Augusta – the world's largest ironman competition.

## Residency Information

The EM residency is well-respected on campus and is consistently one of the strongest residency programs in the institution. We are an ACGME accredited 3-year program and enjoy full departmental status at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University. Our residency has grown significantly from its inception and currently has permanent ACGME approval to accept 14 residents per year.

Our rotation sites include the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center and Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center, all located within Augusta.

Shifts in the emergency department are structured to maximize instruction and clinical experience.

**9-hour shifts with a built in 1-hour overlap with oncoming residents.** Overlap allows for a 'wrap up' period; eases the transition occurring at the end of shifts.

**Minimum of double attending coverage except during the hours of 3 AM-7 AM.** Coverage enhances both teaching and patient care.

**Decreased shift responsibilities with increasing EM level.** Shifts per 28 day cycle change with each year: EM-1: 22; EM-2: 21; EM-3: 19

**Philosophy of "Graded Responsibility."** During the progression from an EM-1 to an EM-3, residents will be expected to become more independent and more efficient. Senior-level residents will also assume a greater role in managing the overall department and assist in the instruction of both junior-level residents and medical students.

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