

2025 Graduating Resident Checklist

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SEPTEMBER - JANUARY

START THE JOB SEARCH

Make career decisions based on what matters most to you
[acep.org/careers](https://www.acep.org/careers)

Find useful employer details with ACEP Open Book, powered by Ivy Clinicians | openbook.acep.org

Search, apply and interview for validated and vetted jobs
[emCareers.org](https://emcareers.org)

RESEARCH DISABILITY INSURANCE

Rates go up after graduation | [acep.org/insurance](https://www.acep.org/insurance)

FEBRUARY - MARCH

FOUND THE PERFECT JOB

Before signing the contract, ensure you're protected
[acep.org/contract-toolkit](https://www.acep.org/contract-toolkit)

Find help with contract negotiations | [acep.org/resolve](https://www.acep.org/resolve)

APPLY FOR YOUR STATE MEDICAL LICENSE*

START THE CREDENTIALING PROCESS*

*These can take up to 6 months

APRIL

FILE YOUR LAST TAXES AS A RESIDENT

BUILD YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

Student loan deals, financial planning help and more with ACEP partners
[acep.org/finances](https://www.acep.org/finances)

FIND A PLACE TO LIVE

SECURE INSURANCE

Medical Malpractice | Life | Health | Disability

If your new employer doesn't provide it | [acep.org/insurance](https://www.acep.org/insurance)

APPLY FOR BOARD CERTIFICATION

Registration is April – September | [abem.org](https://www.abem.org) or [aobem.org](https://www.aobem.org)

MAY

REGISTER FOR YOUR WRITTEN EXAM

Registration is May – October; Exam window is October – November

NEW! March 2026: Certifying Exam in Raleigh, NC, replacing Oral Boards

[abem.org](https://www.abem.org)

OBTAIN A DEA NUMBER

Apply once you have your state license

JUNE

RENEW YOUR ACEP MEMBERSHIP

New Attending Membership Bundle is only \$25/month for 3 years

[acep.org/gradres](https://www.acep.org/gradres)

UPDATE YOUR MEMBER PROFILE

ACEP

ABEM/AOBEM

AMA

PREPARE FOR YOUR BOARD EXAMS

Get PEERprep for Physicians free with the New Attending Membership Bundle

[acep.org/peerprep](https://www.acep.org/peerprep)

LEARN THE BUSINESS OF EM

[acep.org/practice-essentials](https://www.acep.org/practice-essentials)

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