

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. This award recognizes these individuals for their deep understanding of the accreditation process, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and projects that improve graduate medical education (GME).



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Nominators had this to say:

“Since joining our radiation oncology program toward the beginning of my tenure as program director, Mr. Williams has proven to be an extraordinary residency coordinator. At that time, our program was undergoing significant changes, among them changes to the primary [clinical] site, and the eventual closure of the historic site at University Hospital. Mr. Williams worked tirelessly with the residents, faculty [members], and administration by addressing multiple interrelated issues, including the environment of inquiry, culture of safety, excessive reliance on residents for non-physician obligations, resident supervision, resident wellness, and resident perception of inability to report confidentially. Kino was invaluable in turning our program around from probationary status to Continued Accreditation with Warning to full Continued Accreditation.”

“Kino is a true professional who is quick to respond to emails, texts, and calls, and he is incredibly efficient at getting things done promptly. He takes an active role in resident wellness, advocacy, education, and extracurriculars. Kino has helped us procure funds for conferences, wellness events, and textbooks. He also pushes the residents to achieve excellence in clinical care and research by taking an active role in coordinating research/quality improvement projects and elective rotations. Additionally, Kino strives for personal betterment as he is pursuing a doctorate in human and organizational psychology while still working tirelessly to improve our program.”

“Most importantly, Kino is an integral part of our SUNY Downstate radiation oncology family. His humility, kind nature, and smile always brighten the days of those who interact with him. Residents and faculty [members] feel comfortable confiding in Kino, and working with him is a pleasure.”