



Additional Requirements for Out-of-State Residents

Please start the process as soon as possible to ensure you can begin your rotation on time. If issues arise, you are responsible for communicating this to your SWC staff contact. You will not be able to begin your rotation without your Michigan license.

You must start this process **several months ahead of your scheduled training** to allow for collection of documentation, submission of application, and review by the state. Processing time for a license may be up to 6-8 weeks after submission. This document is an overview of the application process as described on the state's website as of February 2026 and is not intended to cover every step. SWC cannot guarantee that the below described process is current. If you need help, email BPLHelp@michigan.gov or call 517-241-0199.

Please note: this training opportunity **does not** meet the requirements for an Educational Limited Physician License. To train in Michigan, **you will need to apply for a full medical license** through the state's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

1. The medical licensing application process is submitted online via the Michigan Professional Licensing User System (MiPLUS) with LARA. This [instruction guide](#) walks you through the process to create a MiPLUS account. Once you have created your account, you can begin the application process.
2. The [Michigan Medical Doctor Licensing Guide](#) describes requirements for application. This [instruction guide](#) and [video](#) walk you through the process of submitting your application. **You do not need to apply for a controlled substance license.** See [guide](#) for requirements for foreign-trained applications or re-licensure. Requirements for US-trained applicants include:
 - a. Submit to a Background Check
 - b. Complete "Good Moral Character" Questions
 - c. Complete "Human Trafficking" training
 - d. Complete "Implicit Bias" training
 - e. SSN or SSN affidavit form
 - f. Professional Education information
 - g. Current Hospital Affiliations
 - h. Establish English language proficiency
3. Additional requirements that must be **sent directly from issuing agencies** to Michigan's Bureau of Professional Licensing via email to bpldata@michigan.gov or mail to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, PO Box 30670, Lansing, MI, 48909.
 - a. Verification of Licensure sent directly from the licensing agency of any state of the United States or country in which you hold or have ever held a license
 - b. [Certificate of Medical Education Form](#) sent directly from your medical school
 - c. USMLE Exam Scores sent directly from the [Federation of State Medical Boards](#)
 - d. Certification of completion of 1 year of postgraduate clinical training sent directly from the Director of Medical Education at the institution of training
4. The application, attachments, and \$375.00 application fee are submitted online via credit or debit card.
5. Once you submit your online application, you will receive an email with instructions to complete your Background Check.