

*Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center  
Shreveport, Louisiana*

*Department of Psychiatry*

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**RESIDENCY APPLICANT CRITERIA**

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- All applicants must apply through the ERAS Program.
- We select candidates to interview from the applicants that have **already successfully completed Step 2 Exam** of the USMLE. We prefer applicants to have completed Step 3 as well (if applicable), however not doing so does not preclude an interview.
- It is at our discretion as to who we select in order to limit the number we can efficiently interview.
- We also note the scores and number of attempts needed to successfully complete USMLE or COMLEX Exams. The Medical Board of Louisiana requires Steps 2 and 3 to be completed successfully by the fourth attempt.
- We like to see previous clinical experience in the U.S., especially in the areas of Psychiatry and Medicine.
- Year of graduation is noted and it is necessary to see that work and interest in the field of Psychiatry/Neurology has continued since that time. Candidates should have graduated medical school within the last 5 years.
- Our school only sponsors a J-1 visa. We do not sponsor H-1B visas.
- IMG/FMG applicants must be ECFMG certified to begin training. However, the certificate is not required at the time of the interview.
- Every aspect of your application is reviewed. We judge each individual's entire application, based as to how one's former schooling and experiences will fit within the aspects of our program.
- At this time, we are accredited for eight positions per year. Unexpected vacancies do occur so it doesn't hurt to inquire at different times.
- The deadline for applying is January 15<sup>th</sup>. Interviewing is completed by the end of January.
- LSU Health Psychiatry is unable to accept applications for an observership or externship.
- PGY II positions are not usually available.

*Thank you for your interest in our program and best wishes in your search.*