

MILITARY LEAVE

If, during the course of training and employment, a resident/fellow volunteers for military service (not as a non-military contractor or employee), fulfills military training requirements, is required to serve active duty, required to perform training or required to provide emergency services in the Armed Forces of the United States, the resident/fellow and the spouse of a military service person shall be granted an unpaid leave of absence from the program and employment in accordance with the law. Further, in accordance with the law, the resident/fellow shall have employment, training, and reemployment rights in accordance with the requirements of state and or federal law, including the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, as amended, and/or regulations issued thereunder, and the U.S. and Connecticut Family and Medical Leave Acts, consistent with program requirements and accreditation standards. This includes any rights to Federally-recognized spousal or military reserve leaves. The resident/fellow or spouse shall have no right to additional compensation or benefits, except as required by law.

Taking any leave (especially when multiple leaves or absences occur in the same contract year) may negatively impact time necessary to complete the program requirements for graduation as well as for Board eligibility (see *“Contract Extension Due to Leave”* policy). Residents/Fellows are responsible for understanding their Residency Review Committee/Program requirements for program completion as well as their Board requirements regarding Board eligibility, specifically as it relates to time away from their program.

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