

Children's National Hospital can process the following nonimmigrant visa for your participation in our residency and fellowship training programs. In addition to the below, you may present your valid employment authorized document (EAD/work permit) from your F-1 OPT period.

Type of Nonimmigrant Visa	Description	Processing Times	Approval Agency Involved	Mandatory Requirements
H-1B, Specialty Occupation	“Specialty Occupations,” which are defined as positions that require at least a bachelor’s degree in a specific field or fields of study. Employees must have the required degree or the equivalent through work experience. - Employer, location, and position specific. 6-year maximum period of stay. - Children’s National is exempt from the H-1B cap so can file H-1B petition at any time for candidate.	5-8 weeks from preparing the H-1B petition to approval from US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). - Premium processing service optional for filing so USCIS will adjudicate (approve, request for evidence, or deny) the petition with 15 calendar days of the receipt of the petition.	USCIS	- Pass Step 1, Step 2 CK and Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). - Obtain District of Columbia (DC) medical license – full or training.
J-1, Alien Physician	ECFMG is authorized by the U.S. Department of State (USDOS) to sponsor foreign national physicians for the J-1 Exchange Visitor visa for the purpose of participating in U.S. programs of graduate medical education or training.	ECFMG generally reserves 4 to 6 weeks from the time all required documentation is received for review and processing.	ECFMG	- Pass Step 1 and Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK) of the USMLE. - Be certified by ECFMG. (Note that graduates of LCME-accredited medical schools in the United States and Canada are not required to be ECFMG certified.) - Provide an original Statement of Need from the Ministry of Health of the country of most recent legal permanent residence.