Program to Accelerate Competency-Based, Time-Variable Medical Education (PACE)
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The primary purpose of the Program to Accelerate Competency-based Education (PACE) is to help the OHSU School of Medicine fully implement a competency-based, time-variable framework. This program will serve as a proof of concept that OHSU's GME programs can successfully incorporate new medical school graduates at various times throughout the year. We plan to set aside roughly 10% of our PGY-1 slots – across a wide variety of specialties – so that approximately 16 graduates will be able to start their OHSU residency program whenever they are deemed “residency ready” by the MD program.

In addition to fully implementing a competency-based, time-variable educational framework, additional benefits of the PACE program include: (a) making the transition from UME to GME more efficient and streamlined; (b) reducing student debt by shortening the time to obtain the MD degree and eliminating the expense associated with “audition rotations” and interviews; and (c) fostering early differentiation and individualized curricula so that students can be successfully recruited into our GME programs.