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Accreditation Council for
Graduate Medical Education

**Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
ACGME 2026 Annual Education Conference (AEC)
Thursday, February 19th – Saturday, February 21st, 2026
Anticipated Attendance: 4,500**

Group Description

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) is an independent, nonprofit organization responsible for accrediting graduate medical education (GME) programs—including residencies and fellowships—in the United States. ACGME establishes and maintains standards that ensure physicians in training receive high-quality, safe, and effective education across all medical specialties and subspecialties. Through accreditation, continuous program evaluation, and outcomes-based assessment, ACGME promotes excellence in physician education while emphasizing patient safety, quality improvement, physician well-being, and healthcare system effectiveness. Its work supports teaching hospitals, academic medical centers, sponsoring institutions, program directors, and faculty in preparing the next generation of physicians to meet the evolving needs of patients and communities.

Attendee Profile

The ACGME 2026 Annual Educational Conference will be attended by a broad cross-section of the graduate medical education (GME) community from around the world, typically drawing thousands of GME professionals focused on advancing physician training and medical education. Attendees include designated institutional officials (DIOs), program directors, associate program directors, faculty members, and clinical educators, as well as program and institutional administrators/coordinators, residents, and fellows engaged in residency and fellowship training. The event also attracts hospital and medical school leaders, academic researchers, and other stakeholders interested in accreditation, educational best practices, well-being, assessment, and innovations in GME. Participants attend to learn from expert sessions, share research and innovations, engage in professional development, and network with peers and leaders shaping the future of medical education.

Off-Site Scheduled Events

No offsite events scheduled.

Shuttle Information

No shuttle provided.

Contact Information

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Guest Room Block

Participating Hotels	Peak Room Night
Total Peak Nights = 2,845	
Embassy Suites Hotel San Diego Bay - Downtown	120
Hard Rock Hotel San Diego	200
Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel	500
Horton Grand Hotel	120
Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego	540
Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina	975
Omni San Diego Hotel at the Ballpark	190
The Westin San Diego Bayview	200

Schedule of Events

Date	Thu Feb 19	Fri Feb 20	Sat Feb 21
Attendee Open Meals	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
Convention Center Agenda	7:00AM-7:00PM Registration Hours	7:00AM-7:00PM Registration Hours	7:00AM-12:00PM Registration Hours
	7:30AM-8:30AM Continental Breakfast	7:30AM-8:30AM Continental Breakfast	7:30AM-1:00PM Exhibit Hall Hours
	8:30AM-4:00PM Full-Day Courses (box lunches included)	7:30AM-5:30PM Exhibit Hall Hours	7:30AM-8:30AM Continental Breakfast
	5:00PM-7:00PM Marvin R. Dunn Welcoming Poster Reception and Exhibitor Kick-Off	11:45AM-1:30PM Networking Lunch and ACGME Consultations in Exhibit Hall	11:15AM-12:45PM Networking Lunch and ACGME Consultations in Exhibit Hall
		4:30PM-5:30PM Puppy Park Yappy Hour in the Exhibit Hall	12:45PM-5:15PM Concurrent Sessions and Lectures
		5:00PM-6:00PM Sunset Session	5:15PM-6:00PM Toast with ACGME Leadership

**Schedule is subject to change*