

- 1) See our website for an overview
- 2) 4 years
- 3) Yes, Gynecologic Oncology, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, Maternal Fetal Medicine, Pelvic & reconstructive surgery (Urologic Gynecology)—this last one is not a Boarded subspecialty yet
- 4) Moderately competitive, getting more so. TTUHSC is moderately competitive.
- 5) We look for Step 1 scores of 200 or greater. 220 is ideal cutoff for a low score.
- 6) Not necessarily.
- 7) Moderately, but not absolutely required.
- 8) Always important.
- 9) UTMB, UT Southwestern, JPS, and of course, TTUHSC Lubbock!
- 10) Utah, Ohio State, Northwestern, UAB, Duke, UC Irvine, Harvard
- 11) Depends on their grades, but around 10-12 is average.
- 12) Bright, interested students willing to commit to a very busy and fast-paced lifestyle. Good eye hand coordination. Strong MS1 & 2 grades (especially in anatomy & physiology---BUT all courses, even the “touchy feely” course grades ARE scrutinized!!) Strong Step scores. Articulate and motivated people are always a plus. TTUHSC Dept of Ob/Gyn requires PASSAGE of Step 2 to rank a student here. We DO READ the personal statement, so don't just use a dictionary & a thesaurus to write it!! Once you write it, do more than just spell check it; have another intelligent articulate person(s) read, edit and correct it for you before you submit it!!
- 13) Any rank—as long as they *really* know the student!! We can tell if you just chose a “famous or well known” attending to write it just for their name—generally they write lousy letters that scream—“I don't know this kid, but I'm important!” So choose wisely. 1-2 letters from Ob/Gyn faculty who worked with you and 1-2 others from any other department. We like to hear about your ability to think on your feet and your manual dexterity skills.
- 14) Any elective is fine. They are not required. General OB or GYN or in any of the subspecialties. They do set you apart from the applicants that we only see on interview day. But be sure you are READY to perform well on your elective or it can work against you.
- 15) Always strive for good grades. Be involved in extracurricular activities, BUT NEVER at the expense of good grades! Pass Step 1 (ideally on the first try). Take Step 2 early. Practice knot tying. Be an enthusiastic learner especially on your OB/Gyn rotation. Work hard on your other rotations as well—yes, we do talk to other departments about your MS 3 performance on their service! Don't ever count yourself out. We like balance in Ob/Gyn. It is a wonderful specialty for women but it is NOT for women only!