The GSM Foundation Curriculum for first-year residents represents the starting point in the continuum of learning and quality improvement that ultimately involves all residents and fellows. As part of this continuing medical education residents and fellows are required to complete assigned online modules, training exercises and surveys.

The GSM subscribes to the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Open School courses that teach residents about patient safety, quality improvement, patient and family centered care, and leadership. These courses, presented as a series of interactive online modules, are designed to prepare residents to be active participants in improving the clinical learning environment.

The medical center also subscribes to an online service that contains a diverse series of educational modules many of which, residents as hospital employees, are required by TOSHA and other regulatory agencies to complete. Examples of these modules include blood-borne pathogens, infection prevention, HIPPA security, fire safety, and recognizing abuse and neglect.

Residents are also required to participate in training exercises (e.g., CLABSI prevention) in the UT Medical Center for Advanced Simulation and other hospital required certification training courses (e.g., ACLS, PALS). These sessions are specifically designed to improve technical skill sets and communication of the healthcare team.

Residents must also complete the annual ACGME Resident Survey, the AHRQ Hospital Patient Safety Survey, and the GSM Resident Patient Safety Survey. This information is critical to improving the quality of the training programs and the hospital’s clinical learning environment.