Update Single Accreditation System

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Objectives

- Provide an update on the Single accreditation System
- Review Transition Achievements
- Review Program application statistics
ACGME Mission

“We improve health care and population health by assessing and advancing the quality of resident physicians' education through accreditation.”
Single Accreditation System

ACGME, AOA, and AACOM

• Promote improved health and health care for the public
• Achieve four benefits:
  • Maintain consistent evaluation and accountability for the competency of resident physicians across all graduate medical education (GME)
  • Eliminate duplication in GME accreditation.
  • Achieve efficiencies and cost savings for institutions currently sponsoring “dually” or “parallel” programs.
  • Ensure residency and fellowship applicants are eligible to enter all accredited programs in the United States
AOA-Approved*

- AOA-Accredited OPTI’s 20
- Programs
  - Internships 121
  - Residency Programs 862
  - Fellowships 261
    - Total 1,244
- Dually accredited programs
  - Residency 154
  - Fellowships 11
    - Total 165

*As of July 1, 2015
ACGME Programs

- 9,830 GME programs*
- 125,456 residents*
- 784* sponsoring institutions
- 146* specialty and subspecialty areas
- 29 Review Committees
- 1 Recognition Committee
- Approximately 6,000 items/decisions per year

*ACGME Data AY 2015-16 (4-4-2016)
Accreditation of AOA Programs

To achieve Initial Accreditation, programs must demonstrate substantial compliance with Program Requirements
Actions of Review Committees

• All must adhere to ACGME policies
• All maintain Common Program Requirements (CPRs) as minimum standard

but...

• RCs historically isolated

• Peer review process
  • Different priorities
  • Different interpretations
Do all Review Committees do things in the same way?

No!
Transition Achievements

- AOA and AACOM became member organizations
- Joint Task Force overseeing transition
- New Committees
- DO members added to ACGME specialty RC’s
- Program Director Qualifications
- Eligibility requirements
- ACGME staff to support Osteopathic Accreditation
ACGME Board of Directors

- AACOM nominees seated on BOD 2015
  - Clinton E. Adams, DO
  - Gary L. Slick, DO
- AOA nominees seated on BOD 2015
  - Karen J. Nichols, DO
  - David A. Forstein, DO
- Each will seat third nominee 2018
- Each will seat fourth nominee 2020
Working Committees

• Operations Committee Meeting
  • Leadership form each organization
    • ACGME
    • AOA
    • AACOM

• Education
  • Small group with representation from each organization
    • Learn from past experiences
    • Focus on education needs
    • Review opportunities for educational presentations
Program Director Qualifications

22 Review Committees will consider AOA-certified program directors
## Program Director Qualifications in the Single Accreditation System

### Institutional Review (IRC)

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1 AOA Nominee | 2 AOA Nominees | 3 AOA Nominees | >3 AOA Nominees |
Program Director Qualifications

• Review Committees have other requirements for the program director position in addition to certification

• Additional requirements
  • Published in Program Requirements
  • FAQs from the Review Committee

• All program director appointments must be reviewed and approved by the Review Committee
# AOA Members
## Review Committees

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**Clinical Learning Environment Review Program**

**Pursuing Excellence in Clinical Learning Environments**

The ACGME recognizes that the best solutions often come from shared learning. With the support of partnering organizations in health care quality and education, the ACGME launched a new initiative to facilitate improvements in our nation’s clinical learning environments.

**What’s New**

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**Login**

- Accreditation Data Systems (ADS)
- ACGME Surveys
- Resident Case Log System
“Pre-Accreditation Status”

Importance to AOA programs:

• Programs in “pre-accreditation status” pay application fee only once – regardless of number of re-applications

• Individuals who complete programs that have previously achieved “pre-accreditation status” will be subject to 2013 or 2016 eligibility standards, whichever is less restrictive.

• Not all graduates of programs with “pre-accreditation status” will be eligible for all ACGME programs
Eligibility Requirements
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WHAT WE DO

SINGLE GME ACCREDITATION SYSTEM

On February 26, 2014, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining a single graduate medical education accreditation system for the United States. The single accreditation system allows graduates of allopathic and osteopathic medical colleges for residency and fellowship education in ACGME-accredited programs and demonstrates milestones and competencies.

THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE MOU

The ACGME and AOA have created and will continue to create elements of operations and infrastructure to ensure a smooth transition to the single system. AOA-approved programs and Sponsoring Institutions can now apply for ACGME accreditation, and must achieve ACGME Initial Accreditation by June 30, 2020, the conclusion of the agreement and the date the AOA will cease accreditation activities.

Applications for Institutional and Program Accreditation and Osteopathic Recognition

RESOURCES AND REFERENCES

APPLICATION GUIDE

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III.A.1. Applicants must have completed an ACGME or American Osteopathic Association (AOA)-accredited residency program in anesthesiology, emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, psychiatry, radiation oncology, or surgery.

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Eligibility Requirements

Common Program Requirements are in BOLD

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### Eligibility Requirements

**Frequently Asked Questions: Single Accreditation System**  
**Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)**

These FAQs address elements of the single accreditation system resulting from an agreement among ACGME, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM). Please refer to the ACGME Policy of Terms for clarification on some of the terms used in this document.

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<td>Some disciplines do accept AOA-approved prerequisite training as eligible for entry into ACGME-accredited fellowships. Others require that prerequisite training occur only in ACGME-accredited programs for such eligibility. Starting July 1, 2016, eligibility requirements for all fellowship positions will require completion of prerequisite training in a program accredited by the ACGME, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC). Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2020, a resident who completes prerequisite training in an AOA-approved program with pre-accreditation status will be subject to the ACGME fellowship eligibility standards (per subspecialty) that were in effect June 30, 2013 or July 1, 2016, whichever is less restrictive. A number of Review Committees (see here for a list) allow programs to grant an exception to the eligibility requirements for prior training. If an individual is appointed to a fellowship program based on the “exceptionally qualified applicant provision” detailed in the ACGME Common Program Requirements, and has successfully completed Levels 1, 2, and 3 of COMLEX USA, he/she will not be required to take USMLE. This applies only to graduates of programs with a status of pre-accreditation. <strong>NOTE:</strong> Some subspecialties did not in 2013, and will not in 2016, accept as prerequisite training anything other than completion of an ACGME-accredited program. <em>The eligibility requirements for every ACGME-accredited subspecialty that were in effect as of June 30, 2013, that were in effect between June 30, 2013 and July 1, 2016, and that will be in effect as of July 1, 2016, are available on the Single GME Accreditation System section of the ACGME website.</em></td>
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<td><strong>Are graduates of programs with dual accreditation eligible for ACGME-accredited fellowships?</strong></td>
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Single Accreditation System
Application Timeline/Process

July 1, 2015-June 30, 2020
Site Visit

- By ACGME policy, all applicant core residency programs must be site visited
- Some subspecialty programs have SVs
- Treated as “new” to ACGME (+/- trainees)
- Single site visitor
- Full site visit (all applicable requirements)
- Interview institutional & program personnel
- Interview trainees (if any)
Timeline “Pre-Accreditation” to “Initial Accreditation”

- Pre-Accreditation Status” instantaneous
- Initial Accreditation process may take 6-9 months or longer
  - Application received
  - Site visit scheduled
  - Application & site visitor report to review committee members
  - Next scheduled review committee meeting
  - Review committee reviews and grants “Initial Accreditation”
  - Notification by Executive Director
Committees

• Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine Committee (ONMM)

• Osteopathic Principles Committee (OPC)
Current Status: OR

- Requirements: Posted
- FAQs: Posted
- Application: Posted
- Application Instruction Guide: Posted
- Milestones: Posted
Current Status: ONMM

- **Requirements**: Posted
- **FAQs**: Posted
- **Application**: Posted
- **Case Logs**: In progress *(Anticipated to be available Spring 2016)*
- **Milestones**: Posted
Overview of Requirement Revisions

• Addition of a 2\textsuperscript{nd} pathway for completion of an ONMM program.
• Changes to the required rotations.
• Changes in the required number of faculty members.
• Addition of case log requirements.
Pathways to completion

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^Must be able to complete outlined rotations during the first year.
^^Must complete a minimum of 12 months of NMM rotations.
**Must have been in an osteopathic-focused position in a program with Osteopathic Recognition or have been in an AOA-approved program.
Pathway 2 – ONMM2
Level of Entry

Eligibility:

ACGME-accredited residency program with Osteopathic Recognition (in an osteopathic-focused position).**

And

Completion during that residency of a minimum of 12 months of rotations required for the ONMM program.

** Completion of a AOA-approved residency program is also acceptable.
Transitional Year Programs

• Must be sponsored by institution which is ACGME-accredited or in pre-accreditation status

• Must also be sponsored by at least one core specialty program which is ACGME-accredited or in pre-accreditation status

• That program must be sponsored by the same SI as the TY program
Review Committee Decisions on Non-ACGME Preliminary Clinical Years*

- Review Eligibility Requirements for each specialty
- Review Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) or posted statements from each specialty for information

*AOA Internships

- Anesthesiology
- Dermatology
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Medical Genetics
- Nuclear Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- PM&R
- Preventive Medicine
- Radiation Oncology
ACGME Fees

• Program Application fee:
  • $6,200.00
  • Payable at time of application

• Annual accreditation fees:
  • $4,300.00 for programs with ≤ 5 trainees
  • $5,200.00 for programs with > 5 trainees
  • Payable January 1 annually

• No fees for institutional accreditation
• No fees for Osteopathic Recognition
“Pre-Accreditation Status”

• Importance to AOA Programs:
  • Programs in “pre-accreditation status” pay application fee only once—regardless of number of re-applications through June 2020
Search Institutions/Programs

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Clinical Learning Environment Review Program

Pursuing Excellence in Clinical Learning Environments

WHAT'S NEW

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- Compilation of Comments Received on Section VI of Common Program Requirements
- Single GME Accreditation System Application Guide Available

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Search Institutions/Programs

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- List of Programs that Applied for Accreditation Under the Single Accreditation System by Specialty

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- Graduate Medical Education Totals by State

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Institution Applications

- 69 Applications*
  - 22 Pre-Accreditation
  - 20 Continued Pre-Accreditation
  - 27 Initial Accreditation

*April 4, 2016

36 Open Applications

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Program Applications

- 147 Total* applications
- 14 Initial Accreditation
- 2 Initial Accreditation Contingent
- 25 Continued Pre-Accreditation
- 103 Pre-Accreditation

226 Open Applications
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## Review Committee Review of Osteopathic Programs

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Osteopathic Recognition
Why Osteopathic Recognition?

• Provides an organized approach to perpetuate osteopathy’s contributions to patient care.

• Creates opportunity for all physicians to learn Osteopathic Principles and Practices.

• Creates program distinctiveness.

• Programs with Osteopathic Recognition are acknowledged on the ACGME website.
Osteopathic Recognition Program vs Track

• Osteopathic Recognition (OR)
  Conferred upon any ACGME-accredited program providing requisite training in Osteopathic Principles and Practice after appropriate application and review for adherence to established requirements.

• Osteopathic-Focused Track
  Programs receiving Osteopathic Recognition may designate all residents in the program as osteopathic-focused or only a portion of the program, which is referred to as an osteopathic-focused track.
One of the following must be identified as the leader of the osteopathic-focused education in the program, also referred to as the Director of OsteopathicFocused Education:

- Program Director
- Co-Program Director (if applicable)
- Osteopathic-Focused Track Director**

**Position only required if the Program Director will not be the designated leader of osteopathic-focused education.
Osteopathic-Focused Track Director

• Must meet the qualifications of a faculty member outlined in the specialty’s program requirements.

• May be board certified in a specialty other than that of the program.

• Must meet the OR faculty qualifications.*

*Note: May be shared between programs.
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<td>No, the Osteopathic Principles Committee has decided that it will not enforce the 80 percent take rate requirement. The Committee will seek to formally remove this requirement during the next focused revision of the Requirements for Osteopathic Recognition. The Board pass rate will still be enforced and will be based on those eligible graduates of the program that choose to take the applicable AOA Board exam.</td>
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Osteopathic Recognition Resident Board Pass/Take Rate

Do residents in ACGME-accredited programs with Osteopathic Recognition (in an osteopathic-focused position) have to take both the ABMS and AOA board certification exam?

No, ACGME residents only need to take and pass one board certification exam (ABMS or AOA).
## Frequently Asked Questions: Single Accreditation System

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These FAQs address elements of the single accreditation system resulting from an agreement among ACGME, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM). Please refer to the ACGME Glossary of Terms for clarification on some of the terms used in this document.

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<td>The ACGME’s Board of Directors recognizes that osteopathic graduates may take osteopathic certifying board examinations, and has instructed all Review Committees to propose language regarding board certification requirements to include AOA certifying board pass rates to accommodate this expectation. The ACGME currently monitors pass rates on ABMS board examinations and will do the same for AOA board pass rates.</td>
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<td>The specialty-specific Program Requirements stipulate a minimum percentage of program graduates that must take the certifying examination offered by the applicable American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) member board. Must osteopathic graduates take the ABMS board examination rather than the examination offered by the applicable American Osteopathic Association (AOA) certifying board?</td>
<td>No. Programs in which some or all graduates take the applicable AOA certifying exam may not achieve the required minimum “take rate” for the applicable ABMS board examination as specified in the specialty-specific Program Requirements. When this occurs the program will not receive a citation and the program’s accreditation status will not be adversely impacted on the basis of non-compliance with this requirement. The ACGME believes that the goal of ACGME-accredited residency education is to produce physicians who seek and receive certifying board certification, recognizing that some graduates will be eligible for both exams and will have the freedom to choose which exam to take. This expectation will be addressed in the Common Program Requirements at the time of their next major revision.</td>
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Osteopathic Recognition

• 41 Applications Received to date*

• OPC completed first review of applications for Osteopathic Recognition (November 2015)

• 18 Programs achieved Initial Recognition

*April 4, 2016
Osteopathic Recognition Applications

Initial Recognition Reviewed Apps.
Apps to Review Total Apps

0
5
10
15
20
25
30

Family
Internal
IM/Peds
Sports
Medicine

Initial Recognition Reviewed Apps. Apps to Review Total Apps

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Resources
SINGLE GME ACCREDITATION SYSTEM

On February 26, 2014, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) announced their agreement to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining a single graduate medical education accreditation system in the United States. The single accreditation system allows graduates of allopathic and osteopathic medical schools to complete their residency and/or fellowships in ACGME-accredited programs and demonstrate achievement of common milestones and competencies.

THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE MOU

The ACGME and AOA have created and will continue to create elements of operations and infrastructure to ensure a smooth transition to the single system. AOA-approved programs and Sponsoring Institutions can now apply for ACGME accreditation, and must achieve ACGME Initial Accreditation by June 30, 2020, the conclusion of the agreement and the date the AOA will cease accreditation activities.

Applications for Institutional and Program Accreditation and Osteopathic Recognition

RESOURCES AND REFERENCES

- Single GME Accreditation System
- Self Study and Site Visit
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