“Pre-Accreditation Status”

- Created *for* and to be applied *only* during the transition to ACGME accreditation of currently AOA approved programs
- Extended to include institutions
- Granted upon receipt of completed application
- Does **not** require RC review
- Status will be publicly acknowledged
- Not synonymous with Initial Accreditation
“Pre-Accreditation Status”

• Importance to AOA programs:
  • 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
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Single Accreditation System for AOA-Approved Programs

On February 25, 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) that outlines a single graduate medical education accreditation system for residency and fellowship programs in the United States.

Click here for the executive summary of the MOU.

The single accreditation system allows graduates of allopathic and osteopathic medical schools to complete their residency and/or fellowship education in ACGME-accredited programs and demonstrate achievement of common milestones and competencies.

Over the next five years, beginning July 1, 2015, AOA-approved programs and sponsoring institutions will have the opportunity to apply for ACGME accreditation. 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.

Click here for the timeline (Updated December 3, 2014).

The ACGME will continue to update information on the single accreditation system as new developments unfold, and as questions arise during the system’s implementation. Please return to this page periodically for updates and answers to your questions. Thank you for your interest as we work together to implement this important step forward in American graduate medical education.

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Specialty and Subspecialty Program Eligibility Requirements

Below are the eligibility requirements for each specialty/subspecialty that are (1) in effect on June 30, 2013; and (2) in effect as of July 1, 2016. If applicable, any interim requirements in effect between those dates are also provided.

Allergy and Immunology
Anesthesiology
  - Adult Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology
  - Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine
  - Clinical Informatics
  - Hospice and Palliative Medicine
  - Obstetric Anesthesiology
  - Pain Medicine
  - Pediatric Anesthesiology
Colon and Rectal Surgery
Dermatology
  - Dermatopathology

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Application Process
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Common Program Requirements are in **BOLD**

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• Importance to ACGME:
  • Programs will be in data system
    • ADS annual update
    • Case logs
    • Resident survey
    • Faculty survey
    • Milestones
“Pre-Accreditation Status”

- Remains in effect until:
  1. Program achieves Initial Accreditation, or
  2. Program withdraws application, or
  3. 30 June 2020