Why a Single GME Accreditation System?

• Consistent methods of evaluation and accountability
• Enhanced opportunities for trainees
• Eliminates unnecessary duplication
• Efficiencies and cost-savings in accreditation
• One accreditation system transparent to:
  • Federal government
  • Licensing boards
  • Credentials committees
  • Public
• AOA and AACOM join governance of ACGME as member organizations
• Beginning July 1, 2015, accredited AOA programs begin 5-year transition to ACGME accreditation
• Osteopathic standards are added to ACGME standards to define osteopathic programs
• DOs and MDs eligible for all residencies
• Residents will be able to move from osteopathic-focused programs to ACGME fellowships
AOA & AACOM
Integrated into Governance and Operations of New ACGME

*Effective January 1, 2015*
The agreement streamlines the accreditation of GME programs but preserves and protects the structures within each medical profession.
Educate Program Directors on application process, preparation and timeframe

Institutions may apply for accreditation*

Individual programs able to apply for accreditation*

*Institutions and programs that apply for accreditation are automatically assigned “pre-accreditation” status
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Navigating the Single Accreditation System—A Medical Student’s Guide

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Objectives for Today’s Session

• Provide an overview of the residency application process for osteopathic medical students
• Explain the role and scope of the ACGME TY program in resident training, as well as its limitations
• Identify the resources available to help familiarize you with and guide you through the application process in the single accreditation system
• Explain the impact of the role of the ACGME’s new resident eligibility requirements that go into effect July 1, 2016
• Identify some key issues you will need to consider when applying for residency and fellowship in the single accreditation system
Timeline

• MOU announced February 26, 2014
• February 2, 2015 - New sponsoring institutions started submitting Intent to Apply Form via the ACGME Accreditation Data System (ADS)
• April 1, 2015 - New sponsoring institutions started submitting institutional application online
• July 1, 2015 - AOA-approved programs can submit applications for ACGME accreditation online from this date through June 30, 2020
  • Pre-accreditation status will be granted upon submission of a completed online institution or program application
• AOA ceases accreditation June 30, 2020
“Pre-Accreditation Status”

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

• Importance to AOA Programs
  • Individuals who complete programs that have previously* achieved “Pre-Accreditation Status” will be subject to eligibility standards in effect June 30, 2013 or July 1, 2016 whichever is less restrictive

Note: This does not mean that such graduates are eligible for all ACGME subspecialty programs

*Pre-Accreditation Status cannot be retroactively granted (“grandfathered”)
“Pre-Accreditation Status”

- Remains in effect until:
  - Program achieves Initial Accreditation, or
  - Program withdraws application, or
  - June 30, 2020
Timeline “Pre-Accreditation” to “Initial Accreditation”

- Pre-Accreditation Status” instantaneous
- Initial Accreditation process may take 6 months or longer
  - Application received
  - Site visit scheduled
  - Application & SVR to RC members
  - Next scheduled RC meeting
  - RC reviews and grants “Initial Accreditation”
  - Notification by Executive Director
Osteopathic Recognition

- Osteopathic Recognition will not be discussed during this webinar but additional information on OR will be provided by the Osteopathic Principles Committee (OPC) in the future.
Residency Applications

• ERAS Season Opened May 26
  • Tokens made available from your COM
  • LoRs (must be uploaded by Author or Designee) New 2015

• July 15, 2015--Date applicants can apply to AOA, Dual Accredited Residencies

• Sept. 15, 2015--Date applicants can apply to ACGME Residencies
Residency Applications

• Programs Eligible to Apply
  • 27 DO Residency Specialties-July Cycle
  • 47 MD Residency Specialties-Sept. Cycle

• Questions – Talk to GME Office at COM
Common Questions from Residents

- I’m looking for a residency. How will the single accreditation affect me and the application process?
- What advice can you provide to students interested in programs in both matches and how to weigh the benefits and/or drawbacks during the transition?
- I’m an OMS I. How can I prepare for the transition and the accreditation changes that will occur from now until 2020?
Where to Start?

- What are my career goals?
  - Primary care (residency)
  - Subspecialization (fellowship)
  - Other

- What do I need from my preliminary year or internship?
  - First, check ACGME specialty Program Requirements
  - Determine applicant eligibility requirements for specialty
Selecting an Advanced Program

- **ACGME List of Accredited Programs**
  - State
  - Specialty
  - Length of program (i.e. whether it has a categorical year)
  - Program Contact information
New Resident Eligibility Requirements (July 1, 2016)

- All prerequisite training (PGY1) must occur in:
  - ACGME-accredited programs
  - Canadian-accredited programs
- Exception for AOA Programs with “Pre-Accreditation” Status
  - Individuals who complete programs that have previously achieved pre-accreditation status will be subject to 2013 or 2016 eligibility standards, whichever is less restrictive.
Eligibility Requirements

Single Accreditation System for AOA-Approved Programs

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) 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.

Related Links

- Program Eligibility Requirements
- ACGME Glossary of Terms
- Requirements for Review and Comment

Events
Eligibility Requirements

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
Eligibility Requirements

Common Program Requirements are in BOLD

Hospice and Palliative Medicine

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Rationale for TY

The objective of a Transitional Year is to provide a well-balanced program of GME in multiple clinical disciplines designed to facilitate the choice of and preparation for a specific specialty, including specialties requiring a year of fundamental clinical education as a prerequisite.
Similarities between AOA TRI and ACGME TY Programs

• Overseen by Sponsoring Institution’s Graduate Medical Education Committee
• Focus on “Fundamental Clinical Skills” education
• Flexible curriculum within parameters of TY Program Requirements
• Different types of Preliminary/Transitional Year Programs
  • Applicants need to determine which type of program they need to apply for to successfully complete an advanced program
Programs Requiring a Transitional Year

- Anesthesiology
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Dermatology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Preventive Medicine
- Radiation Oncology
Internship to TY Programs

- Internships, along with other specialty programs, can apply for ACGME accreditation as TY programs beginning July 1, 2015
- All programs must be sponsored by an institution which is ACGME-accredited or has pre-accreditation status
- TY programs must also be sponsored by at least two core specialty programs* which are ACGME-accredited or have pre-accreditation status
- All programs receive pre-accreditation status upon submitting their application

* One of those must be EM, FM, GS, IM, OB/G or Peds
What about 2016-17 PGY1s?

There are **no changes** to the ERAS or match processes for 2016-17

Eligibility requirements for a given program are dependent on the specialty
What about 2017-18 PGY1s?

- Application season Fall 2016
  - Start PG 1 July 2017
  - Start PG 2 July 2018
- If you do an AOA internship that has been pre-accredited or an ACGME program, you would be eligible for an ACGME fellowship as allowed by the specialty
Navigating “The Match”

- There are numerous match processes, including:
  - The AOA National Matching Services, Inc.
  - The National Resident Matching Program
  - The San Francisco Matching Program
  - The Joint Service GME Selection Board
- ACGME not in control of or affiliated with any match
- Programs in Pre-Accreditation are AOA-approved and must use NMS
- ACGME-accredited programs not eligible for NMS
- Program won’t be in the NRMP until they receive status of Initial Accreditation
Questions Students Should Ask

- Are you planning to apply for ACGME accreditation/pre-accreditation?
- How far along are you in the process? (i.e. have you submitted an application?, have you looked at the TY requirements?)
- What are your program’s requirements?
- Do I need to take the USMLE?
- Have any of your graduates gone on to ACGME programs in my specialty?
- Are you pursuing Osteopathic Recognition?
Questions Students Should Ask

- Do you plan on participating in the NRMP or NMS?
- Each match program has its own rules
- NRMP Website
  - Eligibility for non-allopathic graduates
  - All-in Policy
# Professional Plans

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Note: Check w/ABMS for non-ACGME programs.
Board Certification of Graduates

- **Do** know that ACGME will recognize graduate performance on AOA boards in assessing program quality
- If seeking ABMS certification, check with board before training to ensure that AOA or pre-accredited program will be credited for certification
- AOA working with FL, OK, MI, PA state legislatures to consider change to licensing laws
Student Preparation
Single Accreditation System

- Students need to stay up to date with SAS
  - Review AOA updates
  - Review ACGME updates
  - Review AACOM updates
  - SAS Webinars
- Visit Opportunities page
- NMS
- Visit with GME experts at your COM
Student Preparation
Single Accreditation System

- Check ACGME Specialty and Subspecialty Program Eligibility Requirements
- Check ACGME List of “Sponsoring institutions” which have obtained pre-accreditation status
- NRMP
- Transitional Year Program Requirements
- Transitional Year FAQs
Thank You