AOA TRIs & ACGME TY Programs in the Single Accreditation System—A Faculty Advisor’s Guide

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Objectives for today’s session

• Provide an overview of the role of Transitional Year (TY) programs in the single accreditation system
• Provide a brief overview of the process for AOA programs to apply for ACGME accreditation as TY programs
• Describe the importance of pre-accreditation status for student eligibility for ACGME residency programs
• Summarize the new resident eligibility requirements that go into effect July 1, 2016
• Identify resources for faculty advisors and students
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.
Brief History of TY

• Broad spectrum of clinical experience
• Robust and healthy learning environment
• Focused opportunity to fully develop basic clinical skills
  • Obtaining comprehensive medical history
  • Performing comprehensive medical exam
  • Assessing patient’s problems/chief complaint
  • Appropriately using diagnostic studies and tests
  • Integrating information to develop differential diagnosis
  • Developing and implementing a treatment plan
Similarities between AOA TRI and ACGME TY Programs

- 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
- Overseen by institutional GMEC
- Minimum four interns
- Focus on “Fundamental Clinical Skills” education
- Flexible curriculum within parameters of TY Program Requirements
Internship (TY) Programs

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

• Must also be sponsored by at least two core specialty programs* which are ACGME-accredited or have pre-accreditation status

• At least one of those programs must be sponsored by the same SI as the TY program

• The other may be in a participating site

* One of those must be EM, FM, GS, IM, OBG or Peds
Programs Requiring a Preliminary/Transitional Year

- Anesthesiology
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Dermatology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Preventive Medicine
- Radiation Oncology
- Surgical Critical Care
- Endovascular Surgical Neuroradiology
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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 systems 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 Cardiopulmonary 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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What about 2015-16 PGY1s?

• Application season Fall 2014
  • Start PG 1 July 2015
  • Start PG 2 July 2016

• 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
What about 2015-16 PGY1s?

- AOA programs have no chance to declare
- Flexibility for TRI and linked programs
  - Receiving programs will not have adverse accreditation status for this year
  - Program Directors decide who to accept
- Board certification depends on the boards
What about 2016-17 PG1s?

- Application season Fall 2015
  - Start PG 1 July 2016
  - Start PG 2 July 2017
- AOA programs can declare July 1, 2015
  - Pre-accredited at time of application
  - Pre-accredited before June 30, 2016 are all eligible for ACGME PG 2 for July 2017
  - Flexibility for TRI and linked programs may or may not be extended for this year
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
Selecting an Advanced Program

- Know what you are looking for (Preliminary year, TY)
- Do your research ahead of time
- ACGME Public Database of Accredited Programs by Specialty
  - Same website on which programs with Pre-accreditation status will be listed
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
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?)
• Do you have two sponsoring programs?
• Have any of your graduates gone on to ACGME programs in my specialty?
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
Common Questions from Residents

• Will my AOA traditional internship be acceptable for entering an advanced ACGME program that starts July 1, 2016?

• Is my acceptance as a candidate contingent on the program getting ACGME accreditation? What happens if the internship program I graduated from does not apply or is ultimately not granted accreditation?

• How tolerant will RCs be with programs that accept candidates if the TRIs from which they graduate fail to become accredited?
Board Certification of Graduates

- Will AOA or ABMS boards certify graduates in SAS?
  - Certification not part of the MOU
  - ACGME has no control over ABMS boards
    - Each does and will determine eligibility criteria
  - Will AOA boards require Osteopathic Recognition?
  - Many unknowns remain

- Do know that ACGME will recognize graduate performance on AOA boards in assessing program quality
What about the states where DO internships are required?

- FL, OK, MI, PA
- State legislatures in some of these states have been considering changes
- Osteopathic Recognition is the ACGME route to signify programs that meet standards
- Each state will have to address this
Resources for Faculty and Medical Students

- Transitional Year Program Requirements
- Transitional Year FAQs
- Transitional Year Milestones
- TY Eligibility Chart
- Single Accreditation System
- SAS Webinars
- NRMP
- ACGME Public Database & Reports (Search for programs w/Pre-accreditation)
Single GME Accreditation System
AOA Program Application Process

Existing AOA-accredited programs can apply to receive Pre-Accreditation Status from 2015-2020

• Institutions must apply for pre-accreditation before programs
• Institutional Application—Opens April 1, 2015
• Program Application—Opens July 1, 2015
  • Core, subs and single programs apply together
  • Residents from a program in pre-accreditation status will be held to the 2013 policies
“Pre-Accreditation Status”

- 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
TYRC SAS Agenda

• Work with ACGME to engage in education, outreach to AOA internship stakeholders

• Subcommittee convened to assess program requirements around sponsoring programs

• TYRC Staff and ACGME Leadership to explore AOA application obstacles and facilitators
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Questions?

Thank you!