AOA/ACGME Single GME Accreditation System

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Joint Education Committee

• Established to learn:
  • What osteopathic community needs to know about ACGME accreditation
  • How best to delivery necessary information

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Outline

• Institutional Accreditation (Weiss)
• Program Accreditation (Potts)
• CLER Program (Weiss)
Disclosures

No financial conflicts to disclose
Institutional Accreditation

[Insert Dr. Weiss’ slides]
Program Accreditation
Outline

Everything in MOU related to accreditation

• Timeline for applications
• Three routes to accreditation
• “Pre-Accreditation Status”
• Dually accredited programs
• Osteopathic Recognition
Timeline for AOA Program Applications

• Institutions may apply 1 April 2015
• Programs may apply 1 July 2015
• Application window closes 30 June 2020
• AOA ceases accreditation 30 June 2020
Provisions in MOU

• Applicant programs which, on 1 July 2015:
  • Are AOA-approved, and
  • Have matriculated residents
• Get “Pre-Accreditation Status”
• Get relief from two Common Program Reqs:
  • AOA-certified faculty acceptable to RC
  • May have AOA-certified co-program director
“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
Eligibility Requirements

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 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 as of 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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“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
Provisions in MOU

• Applicant programs which, on 1 July 2015,:
  • Are AOA-approved
  • But do not have matriculated residents
• Get “Pre-Accreditation Status”
• Do not get relief from Common Program Reqs
Actions on *Usual Applications*

- **Sponsoring Institution:** ACGME-accredited

  - Program application for ACGME accreditation
    - RC Review finds: "Substantial Compliance"
      - Yes: Initial Accreditation
      - No: Withhold Accreditation
        - May re-apply or appeal
Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution: ACGME-accredited or "pre-accreditation status"

- Program application for ACGME Accreditation
  - Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015
    - "Pre-Accreditation status"
      - Residents in program 1 July 2015
        - Yes
          - Program: Initial Accreditation
          - ACGME-Accredited
            - Subject to all current ACGME PRs
              - Yes
                - "Pre-Accreditation status"
                  - Withdraw Application 1 July 2020
              - No
                - Program: Initial Accreditation Contingent
                  - Subject to all current ACGME PRs

- No
  - May have AOA co-PD AOA-certified faculty
    - Subject to all current ACGME PRs
      - Yes
        - RC finds "Substantial Compliance"
          - Initial Accreditation Conferred
      - No
        - Accreditation Withheld

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Actions on AOA Applications
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Sponsoring Institution:
ACGME-accredited or
“pre-accreditation status”
Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution:
ACGME-accredited or
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Program application for
ACGME Accreditation
Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution: ACGME-accredited or “pre-accreditation status”

Program application for ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?
Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution: ACGME-accredited or “pre-accreditation status”

Program application for ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?

Yes
Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution: ACGME-accredited or “pre-accreditation status”

Program application for ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?

Yes

“Pre-Accreditation status”
Actions on AOA Applications

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Program application for ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?

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“Pre-Accreditation status”

Residents in program 1 July 2015?
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Actions on AOA Applications

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Program application for
ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved
1 July 2015?

Yes

“Pre-Accreditation
status”

Residents in program
1 July 2015?

Yes

May have AOA co-PD
AOA-certified faculty
Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution:
ACGME-accredited or “pre-accreditation status”

Program application for ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?

Yes

“Pre-Accreditation status”

Residents in program 1 July 2015?

Yes

May have AOA co-PD AOA-certified faculty

No

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Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution:
ACGME-accredited or
“pre-accreditation status”

Program application for
ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved
1 July 2015?

Yes

“Pre-Accreditation
status”

Residents in program
1 July 2015?

Yes

May have AOA co-PD
AOA-certified faculty

No

Subject to all current
ACGME PRs
Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution: ACGME-accredited or “pre-accreditation status”

Program application for ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?

“Pre-Accreditation status”

Residents in program 1 July 2015?

May have AOA co-PD AOA-certified faculty

Subject to all current ACGME PRs

RC finds “Substantial Compliance”? 
Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution:
ACGME-accredited or
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Program application for
ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved
1 July 2015?

Yes

“Pre-Accreditation
status”

Residents in program
1 July 2015?

Yes

May have AOA co-PD
AOA-certified faculty

RC finds
“Substantial
Compliance”? Yes

No

Subject to all current
ACGME PRs

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AOA-certified faculty

No

Subject to all current
ACGME PRs

RC finds
“Substantial
Compliance”?

Yes

Status of
Sponsoring
Institution?
Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution: ACGME-accredited or "pre-accreditation status"

Program application for ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?

Yes

"Pre-Accreditation status"

Residents in program 1 July 2015?

Yes

May have AOA co-PD AOA-certified faculty

No

Subject to all current ACGME PRs

RC finds "Substantial Compliance"?

Yes

ACGME-Accredited

No

Status of Sponsoring Institution?

ACGME

SV

SV

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Sponsoring Institution: ACGME-accredited or “pre-accreditation status”

Program application for ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?

Yes

“Pre-Accreditation status”

Residents in program 1 July 2015?

Yes

May have AOA co-PD AOA-certified faculty

No

Subject to all current ACGME PRs

RC finds “Substantial Compliance”?

Yes

Status of Sponsoring Institution?

ACGME-Accredited

Program: Initial Accreditation

No

ACGME-Accredited

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Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution: ACGME-accredited or “pre-accreditation status”

Program application for ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?

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Yes

Status of Sponsoring Institution?

A C G M E-Accredited

“No

Subject to all current ACGME PRs

“Pre-Accreditation status”

Program: Initial Accreditation

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**Actions on AOA Applications**

**Sponsoring Institution:**
ACGME-accredited or “pre-accreditation status”

**Program application for ACGME Accreditation**

**Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?**

- Yes

**“Pre-Accreditation status”**

**Residents in program 1 July 2015?**

- Yes

**May have AOA co-PD**
**AOA-certified faculty**

**Subject to all current ACGME PRs**

RC finds “Substantial Compliance”?

- Yes

**Program: Initial Accreditation**

**ACGME-Accredited**

- Status of Sponsoring Institution?

- Yes

**Program: Initial Accreditation-Contingent**

**“Pre-Accreditation status”**
**Actions on AOA Applications**

Sponsoring Institution: ACGME-accredited or “pre-accreditation status”

Program application for ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?

Yes

“Pre-Accreditation status”

Residents in program 1 July 2015?

No

Subject to all current ACGME PRs

Yes

May have AOA co-PD AOA-certified faculty

RC finds “Substantial Compliance”? Yes

Status of Sponsoring Institution?

ACGME-Accredited

Program: Initial Accreditation-Contingent

“Pre-Accreditation status”

Program: Initial Accreditation
Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution:
ACGME-accredited or “pre-accreditation status”

Program application for ACGME Accreditation

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Yes

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Residents in program 1 July 2015?

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May have AOA co-PD AOA-certified faculty

Subject to all current ACGME PRs

RC finds “Substantial Compliance”? Yes

ACGME-Accredited

Status of Sponsoring Institution?

Yes

Program: Initial Accreditation

No

ACGME-Accredited

“Pre-Accreditation status”

Program: Initial Accreditation-Contingent

2 years
Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution: ACGME-accredited or "pre-accreditation status"

Program application for ACGME Accreditation

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Subject to all current ACGME PRs

RC finds "Substantial Compliance"?

Yes

ACGME-Accredited

Status of Sponsoring Institution?

No

Program: Initial Accreditation-Contingent

ACGME-Accredited

Program: Initial Accreditation

Yes

"Pre-Accreditation status"
Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution: ACGME-accredited or “pre-accreditation status”

Program application for ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?

Yes

“Pre-Accreditation status”

No

Residents in program 1 July 2015?

Yes

May have AOA co-PD AOA-certified faculty

No

Subject to all current ACGME PRs

RC finds “Substantial Compliance”?

Yes

ACGME-Accredited

No

“Pre-Accreditation status”

Program: Initial Accreditation

Program: Initial Accreditation-Contingent

Withdraw Application

ACGME

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Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution:
ACGME-accredited or
“pre-accreditation status”

Program application for
ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved
1 July 2015?

Yes

“Pre-Accreditation status”

Residents in program
1 July 2015?

Yes

May have AOA co-PD
AOA-certified faculty

Subject to all current
ACGME PRs

No

Program: Initial Accreditation

Program: Initial Accreditation-
Contingent

ACGME-Accredited

“Pre-Accreditation status”

RC finds
“Substantial
Compliance”?

Yes

Status of
Sponsoring
Institution?

No

Withdraw Application

1 July 2020

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Actions on AOA Applications

Sponsoring Institution: ACGME-accredited or "pre-accreditation status"

Program application for ACGME Accreditation

Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?

- Yes
  - "Pre-Accreditation status"
    - Residents in program 1 July 2015?
      - Yes
        - May have AOA co-PD AOA-certified faculty
        - Subject to all current ACGME PRs
      - No
        - Program: Initial Accreditation
    - No
      - Program: Initial Accreditation-Contingent

- No
  - Withdraw Application

RC finds "Substantial Compliance"?

- Yes
  - Status of Sponsoring Institution?
    - ACGME-Accredited
      - "Pre-Accreditation status"
    - No
      - Program: Initial Accreditation

1 July 2020

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Actions on AOA Applications

- **Sponsoring Institution:** ACGME-accredited or “pre-accreditation status”
  - **Program application for ACGME Accreditation**
  - **Program AOA-Approved 1 July 2015?**
    - Yes
      - **“Pre-Accreditation status”**
      -Residents in program 1 July 2015?
        - Yes
          - May have AOA co-PD AOA-certified faculty
          - Subject to all current ACGME PRs
          - Program: Initial Accreditation
          - ACGME-Accredited
          - Status of Sponsoring Institution?
          - Yes
          - Withdraw Application
          - 1 July 2020
          - Initial Accreditation Conferred
        - No
          - Program: Initial Accreditation-Contingent
          - “Pre-Accreditation status”
      - No
          - Withdraw Application
          - 1 July 2020
          - Initial Accreditation Conferred
  - No
    - Program application process; No benefits of MOU
      - RC finds “Substantial Compliance”?
        - No
          - Accreditation Withheld
        - Yes
          - May have AOA co-PD AOA-certified faculty
          - Subject to all current ACGME PRs
          - Program: Initial Accreditation
          - ACGME-Accredited
          - Status of Sponsoring Institution?
Time to RC Review

- “Pre-Accreditation Status” acknowledged in days
- RC review of application will take ~ 4–9 months
  - Application received
  - Site visit scheduled
  - Application & site visit report to RC members
  - Next scheduled RC meeting
  - Notification from Executive Director of RC decision
Time to RC Review

Example: Family Medicine program

- Application made 1 July 2015
- “Pre-Accreditation Status” conferred 3 July 2015
- Request for site visit sent to DFA 3 July 2015
- SV scheduled (and occurs!) 10 September 2015
- Program reviewed at next RC meeting Oct 2015
- ED notifies program of RC decision Nov 2015
- Application to notification ~ 4 months
Time to RC Review

- Example: Urology program
  - Application made 1 July 2015
  - “Pre-Accreditation Status” conferred 3 July 2015
  - Request for site visit sent to DFA 3 July 2015
  - SV scheduled (and occurs!) 10 September 2015
  - Program reviewed at next RC meeting Mar 2016
  - ED notifies program of RC decision April 2016
  - Application to notification ~ 9 months
After Initial Accreditation

- Initial Accreditation
  - 2 year SV
    - RC Review
  - Cont. Accred. w/o Outcomes*
    - Init. Accred. w/ Warning**
    - Withdrawal of Accreditation
  - Continued Accreditation
  - Withdrawal of Accreditation

* Can last length of program + 1 yr
** Site visit in one year

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Dually-Accredited Programs

• Term is not in ACGME Glossary
• Refers to programs that are accredited by both the ACGME and the AOA
• Dually-accredited programs do not need to do anything by way of application in the SAS.
• They may need to ask RC for complement increase if residents in the AOA program are not currently counted in ACGME complement.
Subspecialty Programs

- Subspecialty programs are considered dependent
- *Must* be associated with core residency in same SI
- Sub *can* apply after core has Pre-Accreditation
- Sub *cannot* be accredited until core is accredited
Parallel-Accredited Programs

• Term is not in ACGME Glossary

• Refers to two programs in the same specialty / subspecialty and in the same institution with one accredited by ACGME and one accredited by AOA but with no overlap between the two.

• *May* remain separately accredited through application of AOA-approved program but...

• Expect in most instances programs will merge
Osteopathic Recognition

• Any ACGME-accredited program may seek Osteopathic Recognition (after 1 July 2015)

• Requirements for Osteopathic Recognition to be approved by BOD February 2015

• Osteopathic Recognition will be conferred by new Osteopathic Principles Committee

• Osteopathic recognition separate from accreditation of specialty program

• Program must be accredited to gain Recognition
Everything in MOU related to accreditation

- Timeline for applications
- Three routes to accreditation
- “Pre-Accreditation Status”
- Dually accredited programs
- Osteopathic Recognition
Questions???
Accreditation of AOA Programs

AOA-Approved Program

Yes

AOA-Approved as of July 1, 2015

No

Program is under aegis ACGME-accredited sponsoring institution

Yes

Sponsoring institution applies for ACGME accreditation
April 15, 2015 – June 30, 2020; Receives “Pre-Accreditation Status”

No

Program cannot apply under the terms of the agreement between AOA, AACOM and ACGME; program begins standard ACGME application process at any time through the DIO of an ACGME-accredited sponsoring institution.

Program submits ACGME application with ACGME-accredited sponsor endorsement
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2020; Receives “Pre-Accreditation Status”

No

Program had matriculated residents/fellows as of July 1, 2015

No

Review Committee assesses substantial compliance with current ACGME requirements

Yes

Review Committee assesses substantial compliance with current requirements, with two exceptions:
1. Program may have AOA-certified co-program director
2. AOA-certified faculty members are acceptable

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## Accreditation of AOA Programs

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Timeline for Accreditation

• 1 July 2015 programs may apply

• Eligible programs:
  • AOA approved as of 1 July 2015 and
  • Have matriculated residents/fellows

• Window for application closes 30 June 2020

• AOA ceases accreditation ≤ 30 June 2020
Timeline for Accreditation

• To apply, programs must be associated with ACGME-accredited sponsoring institution or institution with “pre-accreditation status”

• Window for institutional accreditation open 1 April 2015 - 30 June 2020
Program application for ACGME Accreditation

Sponsoring Institution: ACGME-accredited or “pre-accreditation status”

- “Pre-Accreditation status”
  - Withdraw Application
  - 1 July 2020

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  - If SI not accredited in two years
    - RC finds “Substantial Compliance”
      - No
        - Withhold Accreditation
    - Yes
      - Sponsoring Institution: ACGME accredited
        - Program: Initial Accreditation – Contingent

Sponsoring Institution: “Pre-accreditation Status”

ACGME accredited