

Who Oversees Osteopathic Recognition?

The ACGME's Osteopathic Principles Committee was delegated authority by the Board of Directors to oversee Osteopathic Recognition. The Osteopathic Principles Committee is responsible for:

- Conferring Osteopathic Recognition upon ACGME-accredited programs that have demonstrated substantial compliance with the Osteopathic Recognition Requirements, through the Osteopathic Recognition application process
- Reviewing programs with Osteopathic Recognition on a periodic basis to ensure they remain in substantial compliance with the Osteopathic Recognition Requirements
- Preparation and revision of the Osteopathic Recognition Requirements

Review Process

Applications for Osteopathic Recognition do not require a site visit, and therefore may be reviewed by the Osteopathic Principles Committee at its next meeting with an open agenda, following submission. If the submitted application demonstrates substantial compliance with the Osteopathic Recognition Requirements the program will receive a status of "Initial Recognition."

Public Acknowledgement

After a program receives Osteopathic Recognition, it is publically acknowledged on the ADS public website. Programs that have submitted an application for Osteopathic Recognition but have not yet been reviewed by the Osteopathic Principles Committee are also acknowledged in a report available on the same site.

Resources

Additional information regarding Osteopathic Recognition can be found at www.acgme.org/osteopathicrecognition, including:

- Requirements
- FAQs
- Application Instruction Guide
- Application Documents
- Milestones
- Recent Presentation Slides

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Osteopathic Recognition

Preserving and Expanding Opportunities for Osteopathic Medical Education in the Single GME Accreditation System

Osteopathic Recognition Defined

Osteopathic Recognition is a designation conferred by the ACGME's Osteopathic Principles Committee upon ACGME-accredited programs that demonstrate, through a formal application process, the commitment to teaching and assessing Osteopathic Principles and Practice (OPP) at the graduate medical education level.

Key Requirements

The program must integrate Osteopathic Principles and Practice into the six ACGME competency areas.

The program must create an osteopathic learning environment through longitudinal and focused educational experiences.

The program must have an identified leader of osteopathic education. That leader may be the program director or another member of the faculty (referred to as an osteopathic-focused track director). A track director may be shared between programs and may be board certified in a specialty other than that of the program.

The program must have a minimum of two qualified osteopathic-focused faculty members, inclusive of the leader of osteopathic education. Osteopathic-focused faculty members may be shared between programs and may be board certified in a specialty other than that of the program.

Application Process

Programs seeking Osteopathic Recognition must submit an Osteopathic Recognition application. Each program at an institution must submit a separate application for Osteopathic Recognition. There is not an institutional application for Osteopathic Recognition.

The application is completed entirely online in the ACGME's Accreditation Data System (ADS). The application process does not require duplication of information already entered and maintained in ADS as related to accreditation status, as the program's existing information is pulled into the Osteopathic Recognition application directly through the system. This includes basic information about the program, faculty information, and resident/fellow information.

Who Can Apply?

Any ACGME-accredited or Pre-Accredited specialty or subspecialty program may apply for Osteopathic Recognition. Subspecialty programs may apply regardless of whether the core program has applied. Programs do not need to have previously been AOA-approved to apply for Osteopathic Recognition.

When Can a Program Apply?

ACGME-accredited programs and ACGME programs with a status of Pre-Accreditation may apply at any time. Applications for Osteopathic Recognition will be accepted indefinitely for existing and new programs, even after June 30, 2020.

Must All Residents in a Program Receive Osteopathic-Focused Education if the Program Receives Osteopathic Recognition?

Osteopathic Recognition is conferred upon a program. The program will be required to formally designate residents receiving formal osteopathic-focused education. It may choose to designate all or a portion of the residents/fellows in the program, based on interest and the ability to meet established matriculation requirements. The Osteopathic Recognition Requirements will only apply to designated residents.

Resident Eligibility

Programs with Osteopathic Recognition may appoint any candidate to an osteopathic-focused position, as long as he or she is eligible to enter the ACGME-accredited program. Candidates may be required to satisfy additional pre-requisite requirements, based on prior education in Osteopathic Principles and Practice. Pre-requisite criteria may differ by program.

What Are the Fees for Osteopathic Recognition?

There are no ACGME fees associated with Osteopathic Recognition. There is no fee to apply for or to maintain Osteopathic Recognition. There is also no fee for any future site visits that may occur related to Recognition review/status.