

# Osteopathic Recognition: Can I Apply, How to Apply, and Lessons Learned

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# Introduction

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# Objectives

- Identify the requirements of Osteopathic Recognition (OR)
- Discuss the OR application process
- Explain common OR application errors

# Osteopathic Principles and Practice

“Osteopathic Principles and Practice (OPP) refers to a philosophical and practical approach to patient management and treatment based on an understanding of body unity, self-healing, and self-regulatory mechanisms, and the interrelationship of structure and function.”

Source: ACGME Osteopathic Recognition Requirements, effective July 1, 2015

## What is Osteopathic Recognition?

- Single Accreditation
- A designation conferred by the ACGME upon programs that demonstrate, through a formal application process, the commitment to teach and assess OPP.

# Value

- Can reduce cost and improve patient care
- **More than 70%** of 3<sup>rd</sup> year osteopathic medical students indicate they would like to train in an osteopathic-focused program
- OR will help attract osteopathic and allopathic students to programs, increasing the pool of qualified applicants
- **80%** of residents and students believe OR is important

Source: <http://www.osteopathic.org/inside-aoa/single-gme-accreditation-system/osteopathic-recognition/Pages/default.aspx>

# Stats

- **159** programs have applied for or received OR
- Of those, **64%** are Family Medicine programs

# Who can apply?

Any ACGME-accredited (or pre-accredited) graduate medical education program providing requisite training, as prescribed by ACGME, in OPP.

Source: ACGME Osteopathic Recognition Requirements, effective July 1, 2015

# Requirements

- Designate leader of osteopathic-focused education
- Integrate OPP into the six ACGME core competency areas
- Provide instruction and evaluation in integration of OPP
- Create an osteopathic-focused learning environment
  - Examples: focused rotations, integrated rotations, osteopathic rounds, clinic rotations, osteopathic patient care conferences, etc.

Source: ACGME Osteopathic Recognition Requirements, effective July 1, 2015, and OR FAQs, effective 11/2017

# Requirements

- Minimum of one resident per year in the osteopathic-focused track, averaged over three years
- Minimum of two faculty (including leader) to develop curriculum and teach, supervise, evaluate, and advise residents
- Faculty and residents must participate in scholarly activity specific to OPP (encouraged to incorporate specialty-specific requirements)
- Resources to support osteopathic medical education, including reference materials, exam tables, and facilities

Source: ACGME Osteopathic Recognition Requirements, effective July 1, 2015, and OR FAQs, effective 11/2017

# Requirements

- Established criteria for non-DO applicants
  - Must have sufficient background and/or instruction to prepare them to engage in curriculum. Possible examples:
    - Structured basic OPP training
    - OPP elective rotations
    - Completion of OPP courses at an osteopathic medical school
    - Other experience/training enabling resident to demonstrate entry-level competency

Source: ACGME Osteopathic Recognition Requirements, effective July 1, 2015, and OR FAQs, effective 11/2017

# Requirements

- Formative and summative evaluation of residents based on [OPP milestones](#)

PC 1: Osteopathic Principles for Patient Care
PC 2: Examination, Diagnosis and Treatment
Osteopathic Principles for Medical Knowledge
Osteopathic Principles of Practice Based Learning and Improvement
Osteopathic Principles for interpersonal and Communication Skills
Osteopathic Principles for System-Based Practice
Osteopathic Principles for Professionalism

# Requirements

- At least **80%** of residents who took AOA board exam for the first time during the preceding five years must have passed
- Minimum take rate requirement is not being enforced; Osteopathic Principles Committee (OPC) will seek to formally remove from requirements

Source: ACGME Osteopathic Recognition Requirements, effective July 1, 2015, and OR FAQs, effective 11/2017

# Application Process

- ☑ Initiate and submit OR application in ADS
  - \*program application must be submitted first
- ☑ After program receives Initial Accreditation, OPC reviews OR application
- ☑ No site visit required and no fees associated with OR
- ☑ Initial Recognition conferred upon OPC's approval of application
- ☑ Moving from Initial to Continued – site visit within 2 years

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# OR Application Questions

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- Identify
  - Track director, faculty who will provide OPP education, and where OPP will be taught and practiced
- Explain
  - How you will integrate OPP into the six competency areas and curriculum
  - How you will create an environment that supports OPP-related scholarly activity for residents and faculty
- Describe
  - Resources to support osteopathic education
  - Resident eligibility

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# Initial Recognition

- No initial site visit
- No fees
- Not a huge change
  - Additional annual ADS update questions
  - 7 OR milestones for osteopathic-focused residents
  - OR questions on resident survey
  - Evaluation of resident integration of OPP

# Continued Recognition

- Program has site visit within 2 years of the effective date of initial recognition
- Demonstrates substantial compliance with OR requirements

# Recognition Review Process



## Common Errors

### 1. Not **fully** answering the question

- Review requirement listed at the end of the application question
- Review OR FAQs
- Review OR application instructions

# Common Errors cont.

## 2. Make sure you have a **qualified** leader...

- Requisite specialty expertise and documented educational and administrative experience acceptable to the Recognition Committee [III.C.1.a).(1)]
- Board certification through the AOA specialty certifying boards in the program specialty, or qualifications judged acceptable to the Recognition Committee [III.C.1.a).(2)]

Source: ACGME Osteopathic Recognition Requirements, effective July 1, 2015

# Common Errors cont.

## 2. Make sure you have a **qualified** leader...

- OPC will consider other qualifications in lieu of AOA board certification. Examples:
  - D.O. with active board certification through an ABMS member board
  - Non-D.O. who has active board certification through an ABMS member board and has completed an ACGME-accredited program with OR in a designated osteopathic position [FAQs]

Source: ACGME OR FAQs, effective 11/2017

## Common Errors cont.

### 3. Make sure you have a **sufficient** number of faculty...

- Maintain a sufficient number of faculty members (MD or DO) who, through prior training and certifications, are able to supervise the performance of OMM in the clinical setting as applicable to patient care [III.B.6.]
- All programs with OR must have at least two faculty members able to develop and deliver a curriculum intended to promote OPP and OMT consistent with the osteopathic competencies. May use external resources, such as those provided through a relationship with an educational consortium (e.g., an OPTI) or a college of osteopathic medicine. [FAQs]

Source: ACGME Osteopathic Recognition Requirements, effective July 1, 2015, and OR FAQs, effective 11/2017

## Common Errors cont.

### 4. Keep your answers clear and **concise**...

- Answer the question but don't provide additional information
- Additional information can create opportunity for questions you might not be prepared to answer

# Activity

## Lessons Learned

- Benefits
  - Recruitment
  - Cost savings
  - Improves patient care
- Not a huge undertaking

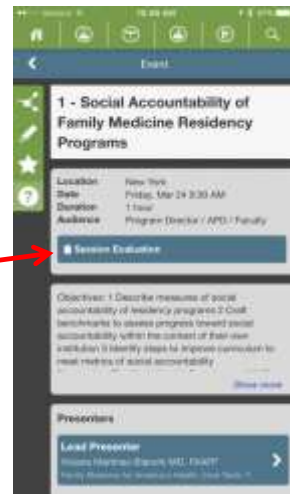


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