

Osteopathic Recognition and Certification

(TL;DR Version) – Revised 7/20 – S. Misra, DO, FACOFP

Definitions

Osteopathic Recognition: ACGME designation for programs teaching and assessing OPP.

Osteopathic Recognition Resources:

- [AOA Osteopathic Recognition Web Page](#)
- [ACGME Osteopathic Recognition Web Page](#)

Organizations That Matter for Osteopathic Training, Certification & Licensure

- [AOA](#)
- [ACOFP](#)
- [AOBFP](#)
- [FSMB](#) (State Requirements for Practice)

Osteopathic Certification

- [AOBFP Initial Certification](#)
- [AOBFP Early Entry Initial Certification](#)

Certification Points

- Remember, as a DO resident, you can certify in AOBFP pathway, ABFM pathway or both.
- Starting June 30, 2020, you can opt out of OMT (practical) exam (\$400–500 savings).
- If you opt out of OMT exam, your AOBFP certification will be in Family Medicine only.
- If taking the OMT Performance Exam, the AOBFP certification pathway cost is \$1,000 + the cost of travel to conference.
- The Early Entry Initial Certification pathway allows further cost and time savings for residents.
- To qualify, you must take two (2) ACOFP/AOBFP ISEs or ISEPs during your residency training.

Formative Exams (ISE, ISE+, CORTEX)

- [AOBFP In-Service Exam \(ISE\), produced and administered by ACOFP](#)
- [AOBFP In-Service Exam Plus \(ISE+\), produced and administered by ACOFP](#)
- [Clinical Osteopathic Recognition Training Exam \(CORTEX\)](#)

Initial Certification Grant

- In order to relieve some of the financial burden for residents entering the field, the ACOFP Education and Research Foundation has launched the Initial Certification Grant.
- The grant will award up to \$1,400 for exam fees and travel expenses to residents who don't otherwise have funding support from their program to be used for the AOBFP exam.

- Partial grants may be awarded if your program covers a portion.
- Eligible applicants must be an ACOFP member (free) and must take both the written (cognitive) **and** OMT Performance Exam (practical)
- Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/foundationacofp/home/campaigns-programs/initial-certification>

Osteopathic Continuous Certification

- 4 components (for now): Licensure, CME, Exam, Modules
- CME requirement is 150 total credits with 75 being Category 1 and 25 of those being Category 1-A
- Prorated based on certification date

**** Don't forget: You may have state and state society CME requirements too! ****