



Timeline for AOA-Approved Programs to Apply for ACGME Accreditation

Beginning Date

- September 1, 2014 All AOA-approved programs must identify a sponsoring institution before the application process can begin. The sponsoring institution assumes the ultimate financial and academic responsibility for the graduate medical education (GME) program.
- February 2, 2015 New sponsoring institutions submit [Intent to Apply for Institutional Accreditation](#) form on or after this date. The designated institutional official (DIO) is e-mailed a login and password to access the ACGME Accreditation Data System (ADS).
- April 1, 2015 New sponsoring institutions can begin the institutional application process online.
- New sponsors with pre-accreditation status or a status of Initial Accreditation and existing sponsors with a status of Continued Accreditation can begin to identify AOA-approved programs for ACGME accreditation under the terms of the single accreditation system.
- The sponsoring institution must report the AOA-approved program identifier as part of the application authentication. Program directors will be e-mailed a login and password to begin the application process in ADS.
- July 1, 2015 AOA-approved programs can submit the application for ACGME accreditation online from this date through June 30, 2020. Pre-accreditation status will be granted upon submission of a completed online program application.
- Subspecialty Programs: The sponsoring institution can initiate the application process for subspecialty programs that are associated with core residency programs that have pre-accreditation status or are already ACGME-accredited.
- Once pre-accreditation is granted, programs and sponsors must participate in all required annual ACGME reporting:
- ADS Annual Update
 - Case Log reporting
 - Resident Survey
 - Faculty Survey
 - Milestone assessment and reporting
- Programs with pre-accreditation status can begin the application process for Osteopathic Recognition. Applications can be reviewed by the Osteopathic Recognition Committee once programs achieve Initial Accreditation.
- June 30, 2020 All sponsoring institutions and programs must achieve initial accreditation. The AOA ceases to accredit GME programs.