



# **Osteopathic Recognition Update with Q&A**

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# Disclosures

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- No conflicts of interest to report.
- Chair of the Osteopathic Principles Committee.



# Agenda

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- OR Requirement revisions and insights



# If we were creating a new medical degree today, would it include training in manual medicine?

Yes

No

Maybe

**If you responded yes to the previous question, why would manual medicine be included?**

## My program has

Applied for Osteopathic  
Recognition

Has not applied for Osteopathic  
Recognition, but will

Will not apply for Osteopathic  
Recognition



# OR Requirement Revisions

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# Effective July 1, 2018



## Osteopathic Recognition

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.




*The documents and resources housed within this section are provided by the Osteopathic Principles Committee and its staff at the ACGME.*

### Requirements

#### Currently in Effect

- 7/1/2015  Osteopathic Recognition
-  Osteopathic Recognition FAQs

#### Approved with Future Effective Date

- 7/1/2018  Osteopathic Recognition
- 7/1/2018  Osteopathic Recognition (tracked changes copy)
-  Osteopathic Recognition FAQs





# What's New

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- New organization of sections
- Addition of **Background and Intent** sections
- Addition of a *Philosophy* statement
- New terminology
- New FAQs



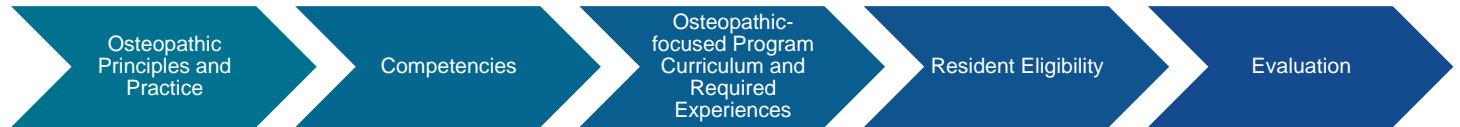
# Organization of Requirements



## Revised Requirements:

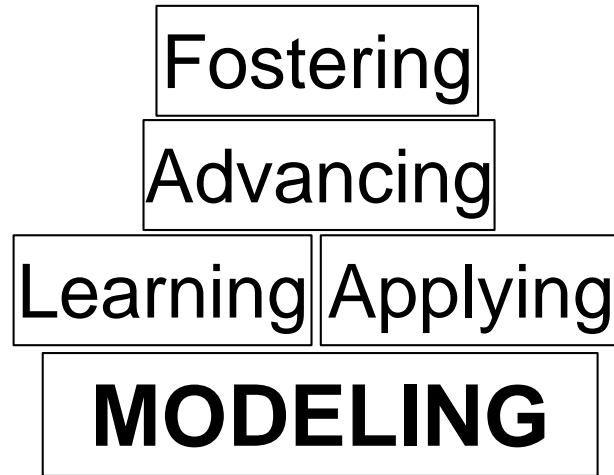


## Original Requirements:



# A Framework for Creating and Evolving the Osteopathic Learning Environment

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# Osteopathic Program Personnel

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- Director of Osteopathic Education
- Core Osteopathic Faculty
- Osteopathic Faculty



# Osteopathic Learning Environment – Sharing Resources

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IV.B.1. Osteopathic faculty members, including the Director of Osteopathic Education and core osteopathic faculty members, may be shared between programs with Osteopathic Recognition.

IV.B.1.a)

A written plan must be provided detailing how shared faculty members' time with each program and participating site will be divided, and oversight be maintained, so as not to compromise the osteopathic education of designated osteopathic residents in any involved program.



II.C.

The program must have a policy that outlines the eligibility requirements for appointment, based on the type of medical school from which the applicant graduated. The policy must clearly identify what is required of the applicant prior to entering a designated osteopathic position in an ACGME-accredited program with Osteopathic Recognition.

Background and Intent: Osteopathic Recognition provides opportunity to physicians, including those who did not graduate from an accredited college of osteopathic medicine, to obtain education in OPP they can subsequently apply to patient care.

This opportunity requires physicians, including those who did not graduate from an accredited college of osteopathic medicine, to obtain foundational education in OPP to prepare them for success as a resident in a program with Osteopathic Recognition.

Programs with Osteopathic Recognition are asked to describe their expectations for foundational education in order to increase the chance of resident success. The breadth and depth of such foundational education will reflect the resources, expertise, and culture of the program.

Establishing resident eligibility requirements does not imply a program must accept an applicant. Programs will follow their usual policies and procedures when undertaking a review of applicants and accept those they deem most qualified.

The hope is that by establishing appropriate foundational requirements, exceptional candidates will be more easily recognized as qualified for participation in a program with Osteopathic Recognition.



# Eligibility Policy FAQ

Question	Answer
<p data-bbox="112 311 691 445">What does the Osteopathic Principles Committee expect a program with Osteopathic Recognition to include in its eligibility policy?</p> <p data-bbox="112 481 542 511"><i>[Recognition Requirement: II.C.]</i></p>	<p data-bbox="699 311 1846 409">The Committee expects that programs with Osteopathic Recognition will specify in an eligibility policy the minimum prerequisite requirements to be completed prior to entry into a designated position for each of the following types of applicants:</p> <ul data-bbox="749 420 1846 587" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="749 420 1846 481">• graduate of a Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA)-accredited college of osteopathic medicine (COM) who holds a DO degree</li><li data-bbox="749 485 1846 547">• graduate of a medical school in the United States or Canada, accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)</li><li data-bbox="749 551 1846 587">• graduate from a medical school outside of the United States or Canada</li></ul> <p data-bbox="699 627 1846 900">Though it is expected that graduates of a COCA-accredited COM (with a DO degree) have demonstrated sufficient background and/or instruction to enter a designated osteopathic resident position, physicians who have not graduated from a COCA-accredited COM must be expected to demonstrate some level of preparation prior to entry into a designated osteopathic resident position. It is through the program's eligibility policy that a program will demonstrate that it requires an adequate level of preparation from all applicants prior to entry into a designated osteopathic resident position.</p>



What is considered sufficient background and/or instruction in osteopathic philosophy and techniques in manipulative medicine as required for an MD applicant to enter a designated osteopathic resident position in a program with Osteopathic Recognition?

*[Recognition Requirements: II.B.-II.B.4.]*

The Committee expects all designated osteopathic resident applicants to demonstrate to programs some level of preparation prior to entry into the designated position. Programs should establish eligibility criteria accordingly. Programs may require MD applicants, or any other applicants who are physicians but not DOs, to demonstrate preparation through completion of one of the following prior to entry into a designated osteopathic position:

- Structured basic OPP training
- Prior completion of elective OPP rotations
- Prior completion of OPP course(s) at an osteopathic medical school
- Other experiences and training to enable the resident to demonstrate entry-level competency for participation in the program

How much flexibility does a program have in establishing eligibility criteria for non-DOs to enter a designated osteopathic resident position?

*[Recognition Requirements: II.B.-II.C.]*

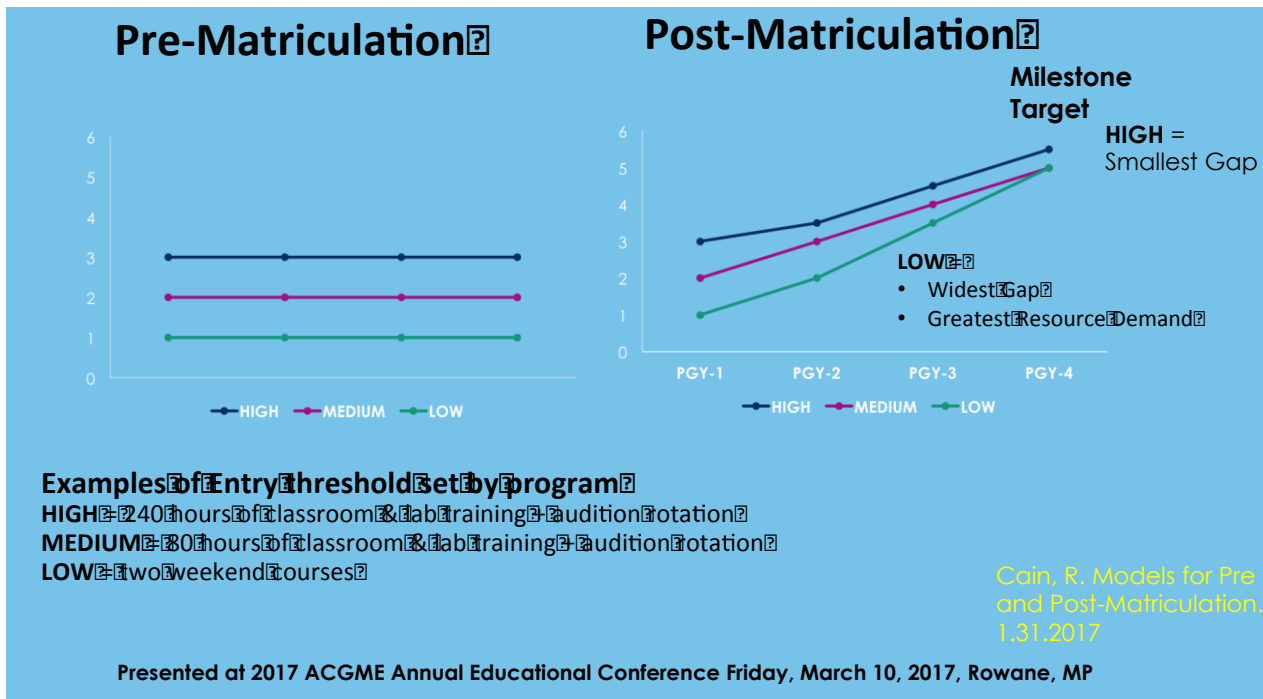
A program has the flexibility to establish entry criteria for non-DOs based on the program's resources. A program may establish low entry criteria, because it has the ability to provide designated osteopathic residents with the extra educational resources to "catch up" their OPP knowledge and skills during the program and prior to graduation. Alternatively, programs that do not have extra educational resources may establish higher entry criteria to allow non-DO applicants to be eligible for entry into a designated osteopathic position, but only after attainment of considerable OPP education.





# Companion Document

## Establishing Allopathic Resident Eligibility Requirements



# What is your biggest concern about applying for Osteopathic Recognition?

# Thank You!

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