



CERTIFICATION OF ADDED QUALIFICATION SPORTS MEDICINE

The Process





Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Sports Medicine

Minimum requirements:

- A. Hold primary certification awarded by the AOA upon the recommendation of a participating specialty board.
- B. Hold a valid, unrestricted license to practice medicine in a state of the United States; applicants with a restricted, suspended or revoked license in any jurisdiction at the time of application will not be admitted to the examination.
- C. Be a current member in good standing the American Osteopathic Association or the Canadian Osteopathic Association.
- D. Have completed a one year AOA-approved fellowship training in sports medicine evidenced by a copy of a sports medicine certificate and letter of recommendation from the program director. Eligibility for examination will be six years from the date of completion of the fellowship training.
- E. May sit for the first next scheduled examination without the requirement of additional sports medicine CME hours





Eligibility Requirements

- F. The applicant will have completed the residency requirement within their specialty area and passed the Certification Exam in that specialty area. (for information on residency approval for the AOA please visit https://www.do-online.org/index.cfm?PageID=sir_faomain)
- . The American Osteopathic College of Emergency Medicine
 - . The American Osteopathic College of Family Practice
 - . The American Osteopathic College of Internal Medicine
 - . The American Osteopathic College of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine
 - . The American Osteopathic College of Pediatrics
 - . The American Osteopathic College of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation





Application for Fellowship

- During Primary Care Residency, try to rotate through sports medicine electives and attend sports medicine conferences. (AOASM sponsors one in the fall and spring)
- During the third year of Primary Care Residency, apply to choice of Sports Medicine Fellowship Program. (List of Osteopathic Sports Medicine Fellowships on the AOASM website: www.aoasm.org.)
- Some Osteopathic Sports Medicine Fellowship Programs use the sports medicine match application found at www.neamssm.org/Fellowship%20Application%20May%202008.doc
- Some Osteopathic Sports Medicine Fellowship Programs do not go through the match, this will affect their time line of interviewing candidates and selection of fellows.



Pathways to Osteopathic Sports Medicine CAQ for DOs

Option One

- Graduation from an AOA accredited residency program from one of the following: Family Practice, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- You pass your Osteopathic Residency Boards
- You graduate from an AOA accredited Sports Medicine Fellowship
- You are Board Eligible for the AOA Sports Medicine CAQ Exam



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Option Two

- Graduation from an AOA accredited residency program from one of the following: Family Practice, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- You pass your Osteopathic Residency Boards
- You graduate from an ACGME accredited Sports Medicine Fellowship
- You receive AOA approval of ACGME Sports Medicine Fellowship
- You are Board Eligible for the AOA Sports Medicine CAQ Exam



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Option Three

- Graduation from an ACGME accredited residency program from one of the following: Family Practice, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- You receive AOA approval of ACGME residency
- You pass your Osteopathic Residency Boards
- You graduate from an AOA accredited Sports Medicine Fellowship
- You are Board Eligible for the AOA Sports Medicine CAQ Exam



Pathways to Osteopathic Sports Medicine CAQ for DOs

Option Four

- Graduation from an ACGME accredited residency program from one of the following: Family Practice, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- You receive AOA approval of ACGME residency
- You pass your Osteopathic Residency Boards
- You graduate from an ACGME accredited Sports Medicine Fellowship
- You receive AOA approval of ACGME Sports Medicine Fellowship
- You are Board Eligible for the AOA Sports Medicine CAQ Exam



Program Director for Osteopathic Sports Medicine Fellowship

- Only DOs can qualify to become program directors for AOA sports medicine fellowship programs
- You must have a Sports Medicine CAQ from the AOA



Sports Medicine CAQ Examination Fees

Original Certification Examination:

- A nonrefundable application fee of \$50 must accompany the application
- The examination fee is \$750
- There is a nonrefundable penalty fee of \$100 for withdrawal later than at least 14 days prior to the examination date

Recertification Examination:

- Recertification is required every 10 years





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