



ABP Corporate Policy

Osteopathic Pediatric Training and Eligibility for ABP Certification

The ABP requires that applicants for certification in general pediatrics complete 3 years of training in programs accredited by the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or in programs in Canada accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Given the agreement announced in February 2014 between ACGME, the American Osteopathic Association and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine for a single accreditation system, as of January 2022, the ABP has revised its policy. For osteopathic general pediatrics residency programs that achieved ACGME accreditation between 2015 and 2020, the policy is as follows:

- If successful completion of PGY-1 training in an osteopathic pediatric residency program was followed by the successful completion of PGY-2 and PGY-3 training in an ACGME accredited program, no additional training needed.
- If successful completion of PGY-1 and PGY-2 training in an osteopathic pediatric residency program was followed by the successful completion of PGY-3 training in an ACGME accredited program, individuals must successfully complete one additional year of PGY-3 training in an ACGME accredited general pediatrics residency program to be eligible for ABP initial certification.
- If three years of pediatrics residency training were completed in an osteopathic only accredited program, individuals must successfully complete two additional years in an ACGME accredited general pediatrics residency program to be eligible for ABP certification. This ACGME accredited training should start at the PGY1 level with promotion after assessment by the program director using milestones/EPAs/another framework. The individual would need to complete a full year at the PGY3 level.

Individuals with osteopathic residency training are eligible for ABP subspecialty initial certification if they meet all requirements for general pediatrics initial certification, achieve general pediatrics certification and meet all requirements for the subspecialty certification.

The Time Limited Eligibility for Initial Certification Examinations policy will be applied to all individuals. For individuals who successfully completed PGY-1 training in an osteopathic pediatric residency program followed by the successful completion of PGY-2 and PGY-3 training in an ACGME accredited program, the time limit window will begin in January 2022 and end December 31, 2029.