

AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION CME ACCREDITATION CRITERIA

Category 1		Category 2	
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<p><i>Formal educational programs designed to enhance clinical competence and improve patient care, and must be sponsored by an AOA accredited Category 1 CME sponsor (UNECOM) including:</i></p> <p><u>A. Formal Osteopathic CME</u> (consists of formal face-to-face conferences, seminars and workshops – must meet 50% faculty rule*)</p> <p><u>B. Osteopathic Medical Teaching</u> (med. students, interns, residents, staff in COM's/AOA Hospitals.)</p> <p><u>C. Standardized Life Support Programs</u> (ATLS, ACLS, BCLS, etc)</p> <p><u>D. Standardized FAA and US Army courses:</u> (Aviation Medicine & Flight Surgeon Courses.)</p> <p><u>E. Grand Rounds</u> (submitted as a series of at least 3 programs only and must meet AOA Accreditation requirements for 1-A)</p> <p><u>F. Faculty Development Programs</u> (max. 15 credits/CME cycle. Face-to-Face = 1-A, Online = 1-B, unless real-time. Must meet the faculty/hours requirement.)</p> <p><u>G. Judging Clinical Case & Research</u> Poster Presentations (Must occur with a formal CME function. Max. 10 credits per/CME Cycle.)</p>	<p><u>A. Publications, Inspections, Examinations & Committee Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Development and publication of scientific papers and electronically communicated osteopathic educational programs ➤ Service as accreditation inspector or consultant ➤ OPTI inspections ➤ Developing/conducting certifying exams ➤ Participation on an osteopathic licensing review board ➤ Healthcare committee and department meetings reviewing/evaluating patient care (either in an osteopathic or allopathic institution) <p><u>B. Osteopathic Preceptorship</u> (Serving as a preceptor in any AOA-approved osteopathic medical education program. (max. 60 credits/CME cycle))</p> <p><u>C. Certification Examination Credit</u> (Passing a recertification exam or obtaining a certificate of added qualifications (Awarded 15 credits)</p> <p><u>D. Activities in non-AOA Institutions</u> (when the institution is an AOA recognized associate that trains osteopathic interns, residents or students (must be directly associated with a COM (i.e. OPTI))</p> <p><u>E. Non-Osteopathic CME Programs.</u> (when in the opinion of the AOA there are no equivalent courses available through the osteopathic profession. (Must be provided by an ACCME provider, be AAFP approved)</p> <p><u>F. Journal Reading</u> (reading the JAOA Journal and passing the post-quiz w/min. grade of 70%)</p> <p><u>G. Faculty Development Program Modules</u> (not interactive and only if sponsored by AOA-accredited Category 1 CME sponsor and meet 50% faculty rule.*</p> <p><u>H. Test Construction, Committee Work</u> (see reverse side for details)</p>	<p><u>Category 2 A Credit includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Formal education programs that are ACCME-accredited. ➤ AAFP-approved. ➤ Sponsored by AOA-Accredited Category 1 CME sponsors that do not meet the 1-A faculty/hours requirement for Category 1-A credit. (i.e. <i>Risk Management Programs that are clinical in nature, but do not meet the 1-A faculty/hours requirement; are sponsored by an ACCME-accredited organization; or an AAFP-approved program.</i> 	<p><u>Category 2 B Credit shall be awarded for:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preparation and presentation of scientific exhibits at professional meeting (10 credits per scientific exhibit) ➤ Home study ➤ Reading medical journals and viewing non-osteopathic medical video, DVD, CD, podcasts, audio tapes and cassettes. ➤ Online Journal-type CME ➤ Faculty development not meeting Category 1 faculty rule ➤ Physician administrative training ➤ Quality assessment programs ➤ Observations at medical centers ➤ Courses in Medical Economics ➤ Online CME (see reverse side for details) ➤ Risk management programs that are administrative in nature ➤ Programs dealing with experimental and investigative areas of medical practice ➤ ABMS recertification examination or a certificate of added certification (fifteen credits) ➤ Reading medical textbooks (max. of 5 credits)

***50% Faculty Rule:** At least 50% of the faculty/presenters at a conference must be either: a) D.O.s or b) Ph.D.s, M.D.s or other professionals with graduate degrees who hold full-time (not adjunct) faculty appointments at a College of Osteopathic Medicine or 50% of the program hours must be presented by the above.

Other Category 1A Standards (not a complete listing):

- The sponsor must provide evidence of integrating osteopathic principles and practice into the program.
- Presenters hold appropriate credentials for the subject being taught.
- Moderators will not be considered faculty unless they actively participate in the program, as discussion leaders, etc.

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	<p><u>H. Test Construction, Committee Work</u></p> <p>A. Formal:</p> <p>i. Test construction committee work will be awarded Category 1-B credit when performed as part of a seminar, meeting of an AOA official certifying board, or an AOA practice affiliate's postgraduate in-service examination committee, or at a meeting of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners with at least three attendees.</p> <p>B. Informal:</p> <p>i. One Category 1-B credit will be awarded for each test item written, with a maximum of ten credits per CME cycle, when submitted to an AOA official certifying board and/or The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.</p> <p>ii. Two Category 1-B credits will be awarded, with a maximum of twenty credits per cycle, for clinical cases developed and submitted to the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.</p> <p>Credit will not be awarded for meetings that are primarily administrative in nature.</p>	<p><u>Online CME Overview:</u></p> <p>Osteopathic physicians may earn up to 30% of their Category 1-A requirement from interactive online CME (i.e., up to 9 Category 1-A credits for members with a requirement of thirty Category 1-A credits).</p> <p>Category 1-A interactive online CME credits earned in excess of 9 will be applied to the Category 1-B and Category 2-A or Category 2-B requirements.</p> <p><u>Interactive CME - Category 1-A:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Category 1-A Credit is awarded for real-time, interactive simultaneous online conferencing CME. ➤ It must include both an online pre and post test and allows the participant to ask questions of the presenter in real-time during or immediately after the presentation. ➤ It must meet AOA quality guidelines, the 1-A faculty/hours requirement, and must be sponsored by an AOA-accredited Category 1 CME sponsor. These courses would be considered live on the internet. ➤ To receive credit for interactive online CME - must complete a CME quiz with a passing grade of 70%. The sponsor must provide this information to the AOA. <p><u>Non-Interactive CME – Category 1-B:</u> Category 1-B credit awarded to online audio, video programs sponsored by AOA-accredited Category 1 CME sponsors. (Enduring Materials)</p> <p><u>Other – Category 2-A or 2-B:</u></p> <p><u>Category 2-A credit</u> will be awarded to real-time, interactive online CME programs that are produced by CME providers accredited by ACCME or approved by the AAFP. These courses must be real-time, interactive simultaneous conferencing.</p> <p><u>Category 2-B credit</u> will be awarded to journal-type online CME that is produced by an AOA-accredited sponsor, ACCME sponsor, or approved by the AAFP. (i.e. static, textbook type programs)</p>