Mission
The mission of TAGME is to assure a comprehensive level of services, training, knowledge and leadership through certification for the administration of graduate medical education programs for physicians-in-training.

History
TAGME is a 501 C (6) non-profit corporation that was formed to address the need to standardize and recognize the skills, knowledge and abilities required to successfully manage graduate medical education programs. Since 2005, TAGME has continued to develop rigorous certification and maintenance of certification processes, promoting excellence in the field. While certification began with residency coordinators, it has since expanded to include GME administrators in many different roles.

Importance of Certification
- Certification is a Recognized Standard of GME
- Certification Promotes Lifelong Learning
- Certification Provides Career Enhancement

Specialties Offering Certification
As of 2012, TAGME has approved twenty-seven specialties and subspecialties for certification, including:
- ACGME Central GME Administration
- AOA Professionals in GME (for central GME, all specialties and OPTI staff)
- And the following ACGME Specialties: Anesthesia, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Diagnostic Radiology, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, Geriatric Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Internal Medicine-Pediatrics, Neonatal-Perinatal, Neurological Surgery, Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedic Surgery, Otolaryngology, Pathology, Pediatrics, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Plastic Surgery, Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine, Psychiatry, Surgery, Transitional Year & Urology.

Currently in the approval process are Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Gastroenterology, Cardiovascular and Hematology/Oncology.

If your specialty is not currently offering certification, check the website to see if it is in the developmental stages. If it is not currently under development and you would like to know how you can pursue this, please contact:

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Criteria for Initial Certification

- 3 continuous years of experience in the same clinical specialty
- Obtained 10 Education Credits (EC) for the past 3 years, whose focus is GME and professional growth (1 EC = 1 hour)
- Participate in at least 1 site visit or internal review
- At least 2 professional development experiences in the last 3 years, examples: oral/poster presentations; abstracts/publications; leadership role in activity or committee at a national, regional, state, institutional, or program level.

Length of Certification

Certification is valid for 5 years; candidates must complete a “Maintenance of Certification” Assessment Tool to recertify every 5 years.

Preparation for Certification

Resources for preparation are dependent on the specialty:

- ACGME Central GME Administration
  - ACGME’s Institutional Requirements
  - Common Program Requirements

- AOA Professionals in GME
  - Basic Documents for Postdoctoral Training

- ACGME Specialties and Subspecialities
  - ACGME’s Institutional Requirements
  - Common Program Requirements
  - Specialty/Subspecialty Program Requirements

Knowing these documents, and using your experience and knowledge of the day-to-day management of a training program and/or GME program are important for successful completion of the assessment tools.

Application Information

Application Opportunities:

Spring Assessments:
Apply September 1 - November 30 for assessment sites between January 1 - June 30

Fall Assessments:
Apply March 1 - April 30 for assessment sites between September 1 - December 31

Assessment Sites:

Spring Assessment:
Clinical Specialty Conferences and Open national TAGME sites at multiple locations.

Fall Assessments: Open national TAGME sites.

Assessment Fees:
Please access the TAGME website for the current fee structure.

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