



# AOA Certification in Addiction Medicine

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# AOA Board Certification Overview



AOA established first osteopathic certification board in 1939



Primary certifying body for DOs for **80+ years**



Today - **16 boards** offering certification in **27 specialties** & **49 subspecialties**.



Developed by and for practicing physicians



Nationally recognized indicator of clinical excellence



- **Nationally recognized**
- **Competitive career advantage**
- **Affordable process**
- **Remote and virtual exam options**
- **Flexible scheduling**
- **Innovation driven**

16 Specialty Certifying Boards | 27 Primary Specialties | 48 Subspecialties



# AOA Initial Certification in Addiction Medicine

- There are 378 diplomates who hold the certification in addiction medicine
- Exam is offered once a year
  - Registration for the Oct. 29-31, 2024, exam is now open through September 29th
  - August 29<sup>th</sup> is the first deadline (no late fees)
- Remotely, proctored delivery platform
  - ~90% examinee satisfaction with the platform
- Fees:
  - Initial: \$2000





## AOA Conjoint Committee on Addiction Medicine

- Comprised of representatives from the following boards:
  - American Osteopathic Board of Anesthesiology
  - American Osteopathic Board of Emergency Medicine
  - American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians
  - American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine
  - American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine
  - American Osteopathic Board of Neurology & Psychiatry
  - American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology
  - American Osteopathic Board of Pediatrics
  - American Osteopathic Board of Preventive Medicine
  - American Osteopathic Board of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
  - American Osteopathic Board of Surgery

# Achieving Certification

1



Hold an active primary certification in an AOA or ABMS specialty.

2



Maintain a valid, unrestricted license to practice

3



Adhere to the AOA Code of Ethics

4



- Pass the Addiction Medicine written certification exam
- 200 items
- 4-hour exam, 15-minute break

# Pathways to Certification

**Pathway 1:** Complete an AOA or ACGME Fellowship in Addiction Medicine.

**Pathway 2:** Clinical Pathway – Open through 2026

- Complete 1000 hours of practice time within a 2-year period
  - May be a combination of direct patient care and published research, teaching activities within an accredited medical school or ACGME residency, and/or live or recorded live ACCME and/or AOA CME activities.
  - No more than 500 hours may come from CME activities.
- An active ABAM certificate will waive the need for the 1000-hour attestation.
- Certificate of completion of an American College of Academic Addiction Medicine (ACAAM) (formerly the Addiction Medicine Foundation (TAMF) and the American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM) fellowship within the five years before the application start date for that year will waive the need for the 1000-hour attestation.



# Addiction Medicine Exam Content

<b>CONTENT</b>	<b>PERCENT RANGE ON EXAM</b>
1. Pharmacology	24%
2. Epidemiology and Genetics	18%
3. Treatment	15%
4. Legal Aspects	14%
5. Diagnosis	12%
6. Special Populations	11%
7. Prevention	6%





# Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC) Requirements

## COMPONENT 1: LICENSURE

AOA board-certified physicians must hold a valid, active license to practice medicine in a U.S. state, commonwealth, District of Columbia, or U.S. territory.

## COMPONENT 2: LIFE-LONG LEARNING

A diplomate must complete the CME requirements in their primary specialty/subspecialty. No additional CME is required to maintain the Addiction Medicine certification at this time.

## COMPONENT 3: COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT

To complete Component 3 requirements OCC in the subspecialty of Addiction Medicine, a physician must participate in Longitudinal Assessment each year.

## COMPONENT 4: PRACTICE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT

Engage in continuous quality improvement activities. Diplomates will follow the component 4 requirements of their primary certifying board. Please contact your primary certifying board for more information.

- Diplomates who expire in 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 are required to participate in Longitudinal Assessment beginning April 1, 2024.
- Longitudinal Assessment (LA) is administered through NBOME's CATALYST platform. Longitudinal Assessments provide shorter, more frequent assessment opportunities that stretch over longer time periods. Assessments on the CATALYST platform are accessible 24/7 via computer, tablet, smartphone or the CATALYST app.

## Timeline

- April 1, 2024: 2024 Addiction Medicine longitudinal assessment opens (15 items)
- Sept. 30, 2024: Access to 2024 longitudinal assessment closes
- Oct. 1 – Nov. 17, 2024: Remediation period

## Call for Subject Matter Experts

Physician subject matter experts are needed to assist with the development of items (examination questions) for the AOA's conjoint board of Addiction Medicine computer-based examinations.


AOA item writers will obtain training in the best practices of high-stakes exam content development and earn CME for their engagement in a professional activity.

Your time and expertise will contribute to the future certification of your physician peers.

This activity is an excellent way to give back to the osteopathic community.

**Interested? Send your CV to [addictionmedicine@osteopathic.org](mailto:addictionmedicine@osteopathic.org)**

### Qualifications:

- Active AOA board certification (Primary and Addiction Medicine) 
- Addiction Medicine certification expiration must be at least 3 years from item writing activity
- Active practice relating to Addiction Medicine
- Complete AOA Online training



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# Questions?

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