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We aspire to promote excellence in the specialties of preventive medicine

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Col. Patrick T. Birchfield, DO

AOA Board Certified in Preventive Medicine – Aerospace Medicine

# AOA Board Certification is the preferred choice for DOs

16 specialty certifying boards | 27 primary specialties | 48 subspecialties

For more than **80 years**, the **American Osteopathic Association (AOA)** has advanced the distinctive philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine through Board Certification. Developed by DOs for DOs, it exemplifies clinical excellence coupled with whole person, patient-centered care. AOA Board Certification puts physicians on the track to lifelong learning and success.



## Nationally recognized

Board Certification from AOA is accepted by employers and insurers across the country



## Competitive career advantage

Indicator of clinical excellence



## Affordable process

Cost competitive with other board exams



## Convenient exam options

Remote proctoring for oral and written exams



## Flexible scheduling

Includes early entry for some specialties



## Innovation driven

Constantly evolving to meet the needs of physicians

## More than **80 Years** of Excellence



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# Need to Know

Make sure to apply to sit for your AOBPM certification exam.

Applications open 6 months before the exam administration date.

## 2025 - 2026 exam dates:

AOBPM Examinations  
scheduled for Oct. 15, 2026

- AOBPM Aerospace Medicine Certification
- AOBPM Public Health/Community Medicine Certification
- AOBPM Occupational/Environmental Medicine Certification
- AOBPM Occupational Med Certificate of Added Qualification
- Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Initial and OCC Certification Oct. 15, 2026
- Addiction Medicine Certification Sept. 9, 2026
- Correctional (to be announced)

**Written and Oral exams are administered remotely with no travel required!**

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# Become AOA Board Certified in Preventive Medicine

We've enhanced access to AOA Board Certification in Preventive Medicine and tailored the process to your needs. Here's what you need to know to obtain AOA Board Certification in Preventive Medicine.

## Initial Certification Written and Oral Exams

- Residents with 2-year ACGME training are eligible for the exam.
- MPH or equivalent.
- Exam offered annually each fall.

## Becoming AOA Board Certified

Upon successfully passing the certification exam you will:

- Receive your printed Preventive Medicine certificate in the mail.
- Gain access to an official, portable and easily verifiable electronic version of your certification.

## Maintain Your Certification through Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC)

OCC provides opportunities for continuous professional development centered on patient care, practice enhancement and lifelong learning.

The four components of OCC are:

- Component 1: Maintain active licensure.
- Component 2: Meet continuing medical education requirements.
- Component 3: Participate in the annual longitudinal assessment or examination.
- Component 4: Complete a practice performance attestation.

## Subspecialty Certification and Certificate of Added Qualification

Subspecialty certification opportunities are available following Preventive Medicine certification and completion of a fellowship in one of the listed areas.

Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine | Correctional Medicine | Addiction Medicine

A Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ) in Occupational Medicine is also available with additional CME from the American Osteopathic College of Occupational & Preventive Medicine (AOCOPM).

Find complete eligibility requirements and process details at [AOBPM.org](https://aobpm.org).



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