



AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC  
BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

**CORE: Continuous Osteopathic Recertification Examination**

Expiration Year	Requirement (All COLA requirements must be completed prior to applying for the new Annual OCC Exam {CORE})
2020	The diplomate MUST have passed 8 COLA modules AND take the new Annual OCC Exam (CORE) in <u>2020</u> .
2021	The diplomate MUST have passed 8 COLA modules AND take the new Annual OCC Exam (CORE) in <u>2021</u> .
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2020</u> IF the diplomate has passed 7 COLA modules.
2022	The diplomate MUST have passed 8 COLA modules AND take the new Annual OCC Exam (CORE) in <u>2022</u> .
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2021</u> IF the diplomate has passed 7 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2020</u> IF the diplomate has passed 6 COLA modules.
2023	The diplomate MUST have passed 8 COLA modules AND take the new Annual OCC Exam (CORE) in <u>2023</u> .
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2022</u> IF the diplomate has passed 7 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2021</u> IF the diplomate has passed 6 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2020</u> IF the diplomate has passed 5 COLA modules.
2024	The diplomate must have passed 8 COLA modules AND take the new Annual OCC Exam (CORE) in <u>2024</u> .
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2023</u> IF the diplomate has passed 7 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2022</u> IF the diplomate has passed 6 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2021</u> IF the diplomate has passed 5 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2020</u> IF the diplomate has passed 4 COLA modules.
2025	The diplomate MUST have passed 8 COLA modules and take the new Annual OCC Exam (CORE) in <u>2025</u> .
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2024</u> IF the diplomate has passed 7 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2023</u> IF the diplomate has passed 6 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2022</u> IF the diplomate has passed 5 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2021</u> IF the diplomate has passed 4 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2020</u> IF the diplomate has passed 3 COLA modules.

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2026	The diplomate MUST have passed 8 COLA modules AND take the new Annual OCC Exam (CORE) in <u>2026</u> .
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2025</u> IF the diplomate has passed 7 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2024</u> IF the diplomate has passed 6 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2023</u> IF the diplomate has passed 5 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2022</u> IF the diplomate has passed 4 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2021</u> IF the diplomate has passed 3 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2020</u> IF the diplomate has passed 2 COLA modules.
2027	The diplomate MUST have passed 8 COLA modules AND take the new Annual OCC Exam (CORE) in <u>2027</u> .
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2026</u> IF the diplomate has passed 7 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2025</u> IF the diplomate has passed 6 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2024</u> IF the diplomate has passed 5 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2023</u> IF the diplomate has passed 4 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2022</u> IF the diplomate has passed 3 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2021</u> IF the diplomate has passed 2 COLA modules.
or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2020</u> IF the diplomate has passed 1 COLA.	
2028	The diplomate MUST have passed 8 COLA modules AND take the new Annual OCC Exam (CORE) in <u>2028</u> .
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2027</u> IF the diplomate has passed 7 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2026</u> IF the diplomate has passed 6 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2025</u> IF the diplomate has passed 5 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2024</u> IF the diplomate has passed 4 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2023</u> IF the diplomate has passed 3 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2022</u> IF the diplomate has passed 2 COLA modules.
or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2021</u> IF the diplomate has passed 1 COLA.	
or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2020</u> WITHOUT a COLA requirement.	
2029-2031	The diplomate MUST have passed 8 COLA modules AND take the new Annual OCC Exam (CORE) in <u>2029</u> .
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2028</u> IF the diplomate has passed 7 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2027</u> IF the diplomate has passed 6 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2026</u> IF the diplomate has passed 5 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2025</u> IF the diplomate has passed 4 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2024</u> IF the diplomate has passed 3 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2023</u> IF the diplomate has passed 2 COLA modules.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2022</u> IF the diplomate has passed 1 COLA.
	or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2021</u> WITHOUT a COLA requirement.
or The diplomate MAY start the new Annual OCC Exam in <u>2020</u> WITHOUT a COLA requirement.	
Upon successful completion, the diplomate will <b>only</b> take the new annual OCC exam (CORE) each year going forward.	
New Diplomates	All new diplomates, upon successful completion of the initial certification process, will enter directly into CORE.

<b>CORE</b>	The New Annual OCC exam
	40-60 questions
	Based on 2-3 core content areas from the Table of Specifications and 4 current practice changing articles
	Choose 4 of the 8 available articles
	Current up to date topics mixed with core EM concepts
	Conveniently and comfortably take at home
	Open book exam. Use the educational resources typically available to you in the ED
	Diplomates may take the exam up to 2 times with a one-week delay between attempts.
	\$210/year
	No COLA requirement once you have entered into the annual certification process. (See table above)
	10 AOA category 1B CME credit hours
Final deadline to purchase CORE is Nov. 15. Final deadline to complete is Dec. 1.	

<b>CORE Core Content</b>	2020: Respiratory/Thoracic; Hematology/Immunology
	2021: Musculoskeletal; Nervous System
	2022: Toxicology; Cutaneous
	2023: Trauma; Psychiatry
	2024: ID, EMS/Disaster
	2025: Environmental, Cardiovascular
	2026: Abdominal/GI, Administration
	2027: OB/Gyn, Endocrine/metabolic
	2028: HEENT, Renal/urogenital

<b>CORE Reentry</b>	<p>A diplomate that fails the CORE exam after 2 attempts MUST take the Initial Certification examination to reenter the certification process. Upon successfully passing the Initial Certification exam, the diplomate will begin CORE examinations that year. A diplomate will be considered expired/inactive if they do NOT participate in the annual CORE exam. Physicians re-entering the certification process within three (3) years of expiration/inactivation of their certification may re-enter the process by sufficing any outstanding CORE examinations not fulfilled when the certification became inactive. The date of certification will be effective on the date that all requirements have been satisfied.</p>
	<p>Physicians wishing to re-enter the certification process three (3) or more years following the expiration/inactivation of their certification must take and pass the primary written certification examination and suffice any outstanding CORE examinations not fulfilled when the certification became inactive. The date of certification will be effective on the date that all requirements have been satisfied. Candidates must participate in the first available administration of the exam. The candidate will have two (2) attempts to pass primary written certification examination. If unsuccessful on a given administration, the candidate must participate in the next available examination administration. Candidates who were not successful in becoming certified at the end of the first CORE re-entry pathway process may pursue certification only by petitioning the certifying board for entry into the CORE final pathway process.</p>

**AOBEM OCC Reentry**

Candidates currently in the reentry process sitting for the Cognitive Assessment Examination will have two (2) attempts to pass the Cognitive Assessment Examination. If unsuccessful on a given administration, the candidate must participate in the next available examination administration. Candidates who were not successful in becoming certified at the end of this process may pursue certification only by petitioning the certifying board for entry into the final pathway process.

**CORE Final Pathway**

Candidates must petition AOBEM for entry into the final pathway process. Candidates will have to attend a live Emergency Medicine CME event approved by AOBEM. Upon completion of the course, the candidate must follow the final pathway outlined below.

- a. Candidates must pass the Initial Certification Examination.
- b. Candidates must participate in the first available administration of the exam.
- c. The candidate will have two (2) attempts to pass the examination process.
- d. The candidate must successfully pass any outstanding CORE examinations not fulfilled when the certification became inactive.
- e. Candidates who are not successful in becoming certified at the end of the final pathway have no further opportunity to become certified by AOBEM.

Prorated COLA requirement to take CORE

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	Calendar Year										
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Expire 2020	8										
Expire 2021	7	8									
Expire 2022	6	7	8								
Expire 2023	5	6	7	8							
Expire 2024	4	5	6	7	8						
Expire 2025	3	4	5	6	7	8					
Expire 2026	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				
Expire 2027	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
Expire 2028	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
Expire 2029-2031	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	