

# Specialty Requirements

## Aerospace Medicine, Occupational Medicine, Public Health and General Preventive Medicine

### MEDICAL DEGREE

Graduation from a medical school in the United States which at the time of the applicant's graduation was accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, a school of osteopathic medicine approved by the American Osteopathic Association, an accredited medical school in Canada, or from a medical school located outside the United States and Canada that is deemed satisfactory to the Board is required.

### MEDICAL LICENSE

An unrestricted and currently valid license(s) to practice medicine in a State, the District of Columbia, a Territory, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States or in a Province of Canada is required. If the applicant has licenses in multiple states, no license may be restricted, revoked, or suspended or currently under such notice.

REQUIREMENTS		PATHWAYS			
		Residency	Complementary	Special	Alternative
<b>ABMS Member Board Certification</b>	Primary certification from an ABMS member board	No	No	Yes, Must Be ABPM	<b>See Alternative Practice Years Table</b>
<b>Clinical Training</b>	Supervised postgraduate clinical training provided as part of a graduate medical education program accredited by the ACGME. Clinical training accredited by the American Osteopathic Association, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, or the College of Family Physicians of Canada is also acceptable. The training must include at least ten months of direct patient care comprising ambulatory and inpatient experience with hands-on patient care involving diagnostic workup and treatment of individual patients.	1 year	2 years	1 year	1 year
<b>Residency</b>	ACGME accredited residency in the specialty area sought	2 years	1 full-time year or 2 years half-time as an "other learner". This must be in an ACGME certified Preventive Medicine residency program. Applicant must have completed the program. Completion will be verified by the program director.	N/A	<b>See Alternative Practice Years Table</b>
<b>Graduate Coursework</b>	MPH (or other equivalent degree) and coursework in biostatistics, epidemiology, health services administration/management, and environmental health. (3 credits each)	MPH and course content	No MPH. Required Coursework and Behavioral Health Science Coursework	No (already fulfilled)	<b>See Alternative Practice Years Table</b> for MPH. Coursework is required.
<b>Practice Currency</b>	Full-time equivalent (average 40 hours per week) of practice in the specialty area. Practice time may include research, teaching, or administration.	If 24 months past residency completion date, 1 of the past 3 years	2 of the past 5 years	2 of the last 5 years	2 of the last 5 years
<b>Letters of Reference</b>	Letters of reference from physicians who can attest to the applicant's experience in the specialty area for which certification is being sought. At least one must be from an individual certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine, preferably in the respective specialty area.	If 24 months past residency completion date, yes - 3 Letters.	Yes - 3 Letters	Yes - 3 Letters	Yes - 3 Letters
<b>Additional Requirements</b>	Any additional requirements	N/A	N/A	N/A	Alternative pathway is only open to physicians who graduated medical school BEFORE January 1, 1984

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VERIFICATIONS		PATHWAYS			
		Residency	Complementary	Special	Alternative
<b>Residency Program Verification</b>		Yes	Yes (but verification of 1 year full-time, or 2 years half-time with program, not a resident, but other learner)	No	No
DOCUMENTS		Residency	Complementary	Special	Alternative
		<b>CV or Resume</b>	If 24 months past residency completion date, yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Clinical Training Program Certificate</b>		Yes - Internship Certificate	Yes - Internship Certificate	No	Yes - Internship Certificate
<b>Graduate Coursework Transcript</b>		Yes	Yes	No	Yes

### PRACTICE REQUIREMENT FOR ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY APPLICANT

CREDENTIALS	YEARS OF PRACTICE
MPH Degree No Residency ABMS Board	3

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MPH Degree No Residency No ABMS Board	4

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No MPH Degree* Residency ABMS Board	3

CREDENTIALS	YEARS OF PRACTICE
No MPH Degree* Residency No ABMS Board	5

CREDENTIALS	YEARS OF PRACTICE
No MPH Degree* No Residency ABMS Board	6

CREDENTIALS	YEARS OF PRACTICE
No MPH Degree* No Residency No ABMS Board	8

**PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS REFER ONLY TO APPLICANTS WHO GRADUATED FROM MEDICAL SCHOOL BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1984 ONLY AND ARE APPLYING THROUGH THE ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY FOR SPECIALTY CERTIFICATION.**

\*Without the MPH, the four core courses are also required (see required coursework requirement for a list of the core areas) total practice years refers to the amount of practice time in the specialty area for which certification is being sought.