AMERICAN BOARD OF PSYCHIATRY AND NEUROLOGY NOW ACCEPTS ACGME-ACCREDITED AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION RESIDENCY TRAINING

June 1, 2017, Buffalo Grove, Ill -- The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc. (ABPN) now accepts American Osteopathic Association (AOA) residency training for admission to certain certification examinations if the medical residency training program achieves full ACGME-accreditation prior to resident completion.

An applicant seeking admission to an examination for certification in psychiatry, neurology, neurology with special qualification in child neurology or child and adolescent psychiatry must have satisfactorily completed an AOA or ACGME-accredited PGY-1 and three full years of postgraduate, specialized residency training. A PGY-1 year in an AOA or ACGME program should be a broad-based clinical year that includes the minimum required training months in primary care medicine.

Applicants should consult the specialty specific requirements outlined in the individual Information for Applicants documents available on the ABPN website for additional information. Applications for 2018 certification examinations will be available starting in November 2017.

The ABPN encourages residency training programs to contact credentials@abpn.com concerning training completed in an AOA program prior to the resident’s transfer.

Resident transfers from AOA to ACGME-accredited programs

The ABPN will recognize training done in AOA programs if residents transfer from an AOA program to an ACGME program, provided they graduate from the ACGME-accredited program.

Clinical Skills Evaluations (CSEs/CSVs)

The ABPN requires that physicians demonstrate mastery of the clinical skills to apply for certification in the specialties of psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, neurology and neurology with special qualification in child neurology.

Residency directors administer clinical skills evaluations for graduates of their programs or for graduates of other programs. Documentation of successful completion must be received from the respective program director by July 31 of the year of the examination. The clinical skills evaluations are valid for seven years.

Each of the clinical skills evaluations must be conducted by a current ABPN-certified physician. To review the specialty specific clinical skills evaluation requirements, please refer to the Requirements for Clinical Skills
Fellowship training

Candidates for ABPN fellowship certification must have graduated from an ACGME-accredited training program, be certified in psychiatry or neurology by the ABPN, and graduate from an ACGME-accredited fellowship program.

Graduates of AOA-accredited training programs are not eligible for ABPN certification in psychiatry or neurology and thus are not eligible for ABPN certification in a subspecialty.

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