

REQUIREMENTS BY PATHWAY

General Requirements	Residency	Complementary	Special*	Alternative**
Medical School: 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.	Required for all pathways			
Current License(s): Unrestricted, 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. No license may be restricted, revoked, or suspended or currently under such notice.	Required for all pathways			
Clinical Training: 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 of Canada or the College of Family Physicians of Canada is also acceptable. The training must include at least six months of direct patient care comprising ambulatory and inpatient experience per each 12 months of training.	One year required	Two years required	One year required	One year required
Academic Training: Successful completion of a course of graduate academic study and award of a Master of Public Health or equivalent masters or doctoral postgraduate degree including core areas of study.	MPH Required. Required coursework: biostatistics epidemiology health services mgmt/admin environmental health	No MPH required. Required coursework: biostatistics epidemiology health services mgmt/admin environmental health behavioral health sciences	No MPH required. Required coursework: biostatistics epidemiology health services mgmt/admin environmental health	No MPH required. Required coursework: biostatistics epidemiology health services mgmt/admin environmental health***
Practicum training: ACGME-accredited residency training in the specialty area (Aerospace, Occupational, Public Health/General Preventive Medicine) for which certification is being sought.	One year required	One year required	Not required	Not required***
Currency: The applicant must have been engaged in current, essentially full-time training for, or practice in, preventive medicine.	One of the last three years in essentially full-time training for, or practice in, preventive medicine.	Two of the last five years in essentially full-time training for, or practice in the specialty area for which certification is being sought.	Two of the last five years in essentially full-time training for, or practice in the specialty area for which certification is being sought.	Two of the last five years in essentially full-time training for, or practice in the specialty area for which certification is being sought.

*The Special Pathway is ONLY open to physicians who are certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine.

** The Alternative Pathway is ONLY open to physicians who graduated medical school BEFORE January 1, 1984. No exceptions are made to this deadline.

***Alternative Pathway applicants are allowed to apply full-time practice in the specialty area for which certification is being sought, along with the four core courses, toward fulfilling the academic and practicum training requirements. See Practice Years table to equate the total number of years required.

This form should only be used by applicants who graduated from medical school before January 1, 1984 only and are applying through the Alternative Pathway.

PRACTICE YEARS	
APPLICANT CREDENTIALS	TOTAL PRACTICE YEARS NEEDED FOR REQUIREMENTS 4 & 5
> MPH DEGREE > NO PRACTICUM > ABMS BOARD CERTIFICATION	3
> MPH DEGREE > NO PRACTICUM > NO ABMS BOARD CERTIFICATION	4
> NO MPH DEGREE * > PRACTICUM > ABMS BOARD CERTIFICATION	3
> NO MPH DEGREE * > PRACTICUM > NO ABMS BOARD CERTIFICATION	5
> NO MPH DEGREE * > NO PRACTICUM > ABMS BOARD CERTIFICATION	6
> NO MPH DEGREE * > NO PRACTICUM > NO ABMS BOARD CERTIFICATION	8

* WITHOUT THE MPH, THE FOUR CORE COURSES ARE ALSO REQUIRED (SEE ACADEMIC TRAINING 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.