

Sub-Specialty Requirements

Addiction 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		
		Practice	ABAM Diplomate*	Fellowship
ABMS Member Board Certification	ABMS Member Board Certification	Yes	Yes and current ABAM Board Certification	Yes
Practice Currency	Clinical involvement in subspecialty-level practice of addiction medicine: All of the following: - 1920 hours over the last 5 years - Practice must span at least 24 months - Practice must consist of broad-based professional activity with significant Addiction Medicine responsibility. - Documentation of Addiction Medicine teaching, research and administration activities, as well as clinical care or prevention of, or treatment of, individuals who are at risk for or have a substance use disorder may be considered. - Fellowship activity is no ACGME-accredited or less than 12 months in duration (not a completed fellowship) may be applied towards the practice time requirement. The actual training must be described for any fellowship activity.	Yes	N/A	N/A
ACGME Fellowship	Full-time ACGME-accredited fellowship in the subspecialty area. The fellowship may only be used to fulfill the criteria of one subspecialty.	N/A	N/A	12 Months
Letters of Reference	Letter of reference from a physician who is certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties.	Yes - 1 Letter	No	If 24 months past fellowship completion date, yes - 1 Letter

VERIFICATIONS	Practice	ABAM Diplomate	Fellowship
Practice and Training Verification	Yes	No	No
Completed Fellowship Verification	No.	No	Yes
Incomplete Fellowship Verification	No. Yes if using credit from incomplete Non-ACGME Fellowship.	No	No

DOCUMENTS	Practice	ABAM Diplomate	Fellowship
CV or Résumé	Yes	No	If 24 months past fellowship completion date, yes - 1 Letter

* For 2015 diplomates, diplomates are not required to take the exam.

The Addiction Medicine Practice Pathway and ABAM Diplomate Pathway expire in 2021. Beginning in 2022, all applicants for certification in Addiction Medicine must successfully complete an ACGME-accredited Addiction Medicine fellowship program. This subspecialty certifying exam will be given annually throughout this period.