

Guidance Regarding Accreditation Status of Combined Programs

Effective July 1, 2025, the ACGME offers accreditation for selected types of combined programs, in addition to the already available accreditation of combined internal medicine-pediatrics programs. Prior to that date, these other combined programs were considered “Not ACGME Accredited.” However, **graduates of these programs were considered to have graduated from ACGME-accredited programs if the participating specialty/subspecialty programs in the combined programs were ACGME accredited.**

If a combined program did not achieve ACGME accreditation by July 1, 2025, (1) its participating specialty/subspecialty programs that were ACGME accredited retained their ACGME accreditation as freestanding programs; and (2) a resident/fellow who began residency/fellowship in the combined program prior to July 1, 2026 will, upon completion of the combined program, be considered a graduate of an ACGME-accredited program, but not of any of its participating specialty/subspecialty programs.

Note that this guidance does not apply to combined internal medicine-pediatrics program graduates, as their programs continue to be ACGME accredited. It also does not apply to graduates of combined or integrated programs accredited by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) prior to July 1, 2020 (questions regarding these graduates should be directed to the AOA).

Email accreditation@acgme.org with other questions about this guidance.