

Information for Programs Applying for Accreditation Review Committee for Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine

The Review Committee for Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine welcomes new program applications in the specialty and encourages individuals working to create a new program to contact the Review Committee staff with any questions about the application process or interpretation of the Program Requirements.

Programs are encouraged to review the general ACGME new program application information and resources provided on the [Program Applications page of the ACGME website](#). Specialty-specific information and resources, such as the Guide to the Construction of an Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine Block Diagram, can be accessed on the [Documents and Resources](#) page of the Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine section of the ACGME website.

Sponsoring Institutions planning a new program will be expected by the Review Committee to have the following elements in place prior to the submission of an application, in order to demonstrate substantial compliance with the Program Requirements and become accredited:

- A qualified program director must be hired and have appropriate licensure and clinical appointments.
- All program letters of agreement needed for required and selective rotation experiences must be fully executed.
- At least one board-certified or board-eligible neuromusculoskeletal medicine physician faculty member must have clinical privileges at the site where the neuromusculoskeletal medicine inpatient consultation service and rotation will take place.
- A neuromusculoskeletal medicine or osteopathic manipulative medicine consultation service must be in place at the site where the required resident neuromusculoskeletal medicine inpatient consultation service and rotations will take place.
- The program director or a faculty member who is board certified or board eligible in neuromusculoskeletal medicine must have an active neuromusculoskeletal medicine practice in the location of the program's continuity of care clinic or geographically close to the continuity of care clinic location.
- The program must have a continuity of care clinic location that is a functioning ambulatory clinic.

The program must be able to demonstrate outpatient osteopathic neuromusculoskeletal medicine patient volume to support the resident complement requested in the application. If the outpatient osteopathic neuromusculoskeletal medicine patient volume is not available for the 12-month period of time requested in the specialty-specific application document, then the program may provide patient data for at least six months showing a sustained increase in clinic patient volume through new patient visits, follow-up visits, and total patient volume.

Levels of Entry

Osteopathic neuromusculoskeletal medicine has three pathways for completion of the program that are distinguished by their "levels of entry." All osteopathic neuromusculoskeletal medicine programs are three years in length, but they may choose to offer one or more levels of entry. Two of the three levels of entry reduce the length of the educational program and allow

residents to enter at an advanced year in the program. Below is a quick reference regarding the levels of entry:

Level of Entry	Starting Year in the Program**	Length of Time in Program
ONMM1	ONMM1 Year <i>(First year in the program)</i>	36 months
ONMM2	ONMM2 Year <i>(Second year in the program)</i>	24 months
ONMM3^	ONMM3 Year <i>(Third year in the program)</i>	12 months

***Coincides with the “Year in the Program” that a resident is noted as entering in the Accreditation Data System (ADS).*

^This level of entry is sometimes referred to as the “Plus One” program.

Programs Only Offering the ONMM3 Level of Entry

If a program plans to only offer entry at the ONMM3 level and that is reflected in the requested complement (i.e., a complement of zero in both the ONMM1 and ONMM2 years), then the program will not be required to demonstrate compliance with the ONMM1 and ONMM2 level of entry requirements. The block diagram would therefore only need to show the ONMM3 level of entry curriculum. Additionally, the program can respond to any specialty-specific questions pertaining specifically to the ONMM1 and ONMM2 levels of entry with “not applicable.”