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# TAGME UPDATE

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# Disclosures

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I have no conflicts to disclose.

# What is TAGME?



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TAGME is the National Board for Certification of Training Administrators of GME.

TAGME was created to:

- Establish standards for the profession
  - Acknowledge the expertise needed to successfully manage graduate medical education programs
  - Recognize those training program administrators who have achieved competence in all fields related to their profession
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# History of TAGME

2002

ACGME Outcomes Project increased the scope and depth of the function of the program director and coordinator

2003

National Board for Certification for Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education Programs (TAGME) was formed

2015

TAGME certification becomes global

2018

TAGME goes international

*Currently, there are over 1200 TAGME-certified professionals*

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# Why Become TAGME Certified?

10. Offers greater professional recognition from your peers
  9. Prepares you for greater on-the-job responsibilities
  8. Improves your skills and knowledge
  7. May provide increased earnings potential
  6. Improves career opportunities and advancement
  5. Establishes professional credentials
  4. Enhances your profession's image
  3. Reflects achievement
  2. Builds self-esteem
  1. ***Demonstrates commitment to your profession***
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# Initial Certification Requirements

- 2 continuous years on the job experience in an ACGME, ACGME-I, or ACGME-AOA accredited specialty or sub-specialty at the time of application submission
  - 20 hours of Education Credits (ECs) completed within the previous 3 years (this increased from 15 in 2021)
  - At least 11 ECs must be related to GME. The remaining hours may be GME or professional development related
  - 1 hour conference attendance = 1 EC
  - \$350 certification fee due at time of application submission
  - Certification is valid for 5 years
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# Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Requirements

- 7 continuous years on the job experience in an ACGME, ACGME-I, or ACGME-AOA accredited specialty or sub-specialty at the time of application submission. MOC must occur during the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the initial certification or current MOC
  - 25 Education Credits of GME related content within the previous 5 years
  - At least 13 EC topics must be related to GME. The remaining hours may be GME or other professional development learning
  - 2 Personal Professional Growth (PPG) experiences
  - \$350 re-certification fee
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# What Qualifies as a PPG (Personal Professional Growth)?

## **Presentations**

Prepared talks or lectures on GME or professional development at national, regional, state, institution or department level

## **Posters/Manuscripts**

Published or presented in a peer-reviewed format

## **Active Role**

GME related committee or activity at the national, regional, state or institutional level (e.g., BOD member)

## **Leadership Role**

GME related role at the national, regional, state, institutional or department level (e.g., President, Chair, Secretary)

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# Activities that do *not* count as a PPG

- Participating or presenting in CCC, CLER, PEC, self-study, site-visit or orientation meetings or activities
  - Attendance at routine institutional or department GME meetings
  - Any usual duties or tasks considered within your job responsibilities
  - GME activities where you are 'the Learner'
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# 2022 Application Submissions

- Currently open through June 1, 2022
  - Application review is rolling through June 30, 2022
  - Candidates will receive an email from Scantron and can begin scheduling their assessments on or about July 5, 2022
  - Assessments scheduled July 11<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022
  - Retakes ongoing through December 16, 2022
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# Preparing for the Assessment

## 2022 TAGME Study Guide

- Available online on the [tagme.org](http://tagme.org) homepage
- Printed materials can be taken into assessment
- Online PDF will be available at time of assessment (search function available!)
- Materials are free – there are other entities that try to sell test prep materials

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## Study Guide

**This resource is the official study guide for the TAGME Certification Assessment.**

- All assessment questions will reference information supplied in this document.
- Turn on the bookmarks, for ease of navigation.
- TAGME Study Guide page numbers have been added to the top right corner for ease of locating the different resources. Please note the pagination from each original resource remains as published in its original format.
- To conduct a search within the document, hold the "Ctrl" and "F" keys simultaneously. A "Find" search box will appear. Enter a key word to search.

# Preparing for the Assessment

- Knowledge of day-to-day program management is the #1 factor for successful certification
- Become familiar with the resource documents
- Schedule study time



# Preparing for the Assessment

## Study Group

- Create a study group with other GME coordinators in your institution
- Hold review sessions 3-4 times prior to taking the assessment
- Have a round table Q&A with those taking the assessment



*Remember, the TAGME certification assessment is not about memorization...it is about being able to quickly and efficiently find what you need!*



# Taking the Assessment

## **Initial Certification**

- Assessment has 175 questions
- Allowed 5 hours

## **Maintenance of Certification (MOC):**

- Assessment has 100 questions
- Allowed 4 hours

## **Retake: Initial or MOC**

- Assessment has 125 questions
  - Allowed 4.5 hours
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# 2020 TAGME Assessment Statistics

185 Total candidates became TAGME certified

- 148 were initial candidates
  - 37 were MOC (maintenance of certification) candidates
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# 2021 TAGME Assessment Statistics

321 Total candidates became TAGME certified

- 245 were initial candidates
  - 76 were MOC (maintenance of certification) candidates
  - 5 were neurosurgery coordinators
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