The AOBIM OCC program will have five required components: AOA membership; valid and unchallenged state licensure; continuing medical education; self-assessment of medical knowledge/practice performance improvement and satisfactory completion of a secure examination. These five components will be required to be completed in a 10-year period unless your current certification expires between 2016 and 2021. The following is a description of the details of the requirements of the components.

**AOA membership**

Each Diplomate will be required to maintain membership in the AOA in order to maintain an active certification certificate. Continuous membership will be verified by the AOA and documentation will be provided to the AOBIM by the AOA. This information will appear on the dashboard for each Diplomate that is registered for OCC. The dashboard is accessible through the OCC Education Center for Internal Medicine (OCC-ECIM) website.

**Valid, unrestricted and unchallenged state license in all states where Diplomate holds a license**

The AOA will verify valid licensure for each Diplomate and provide the information to the AOBIM. This information will appear on the dashboard for each Diplomate that is registered for OCC.

**Continuing Medical Education**

The Diplomate will be required to maintain 50 credits of CME in the specific area of internal medicine during each three-year AOA CME Cycle. Applicable credits will be based on the criteria submitted by the AOBIM to the AOA CME department. A maximum of 25 credits each cycle will be accepted for the following: Osteopathic teaching, non-osteopathic internal medicine (general or subspecialty) CME courses, and home-study or on-line credits in internal medicine. A maximum of 5 credits will be accepted for ACLS each cycle. Limited credits for State Convention meetings and the AOA OMED convention will be preapproved only by the AOBIM for presentations by certified internists. Credits also will be granted for each Self-Assessment of Medical Knowledge and practice performance improvement module completed. The AOBIM will determine the number of CME credits for each module and record those in the dashboard for each registered Diplomate.

**Practice Performance Improvement/Self-Assessment of Medical Knowledge**

The Diplomate will be required to participate in self-assessment of medical knowledge and practice improvement performance modules (PIMs). Each Diplomate will be required to accumulate 100 points during each 10-year cycle and a minimum of 20 points during each three-year cycle. The AOBIM has developed a point system for each activity completed by the Diplomate. If the Diplomate is maintaining more than
one certification, a total of 100 points is required to complete OCC regardless of the total number of maintained certifications. Examples for various activities are as follows:

A minimum of 40 points and a maximum of 60 points for Self-assessment of Medical Knowledge will be required during each 10-year cycle. (The modules developed by the ACOI which are applicable to all Diplomates meet this requirement and are available on the ACOI and OCC-ECIM web sites.) A minimum of 30 points must be obtained in the area related to the clinical practice (e.g. subspecialists must accumulate points in their subspecialty area). If maintaining more than one subspecialty certification 30 points must be completed in each subspecialty. The AOBIM will list various pre-approved self-assessment of medical knowledge modules on the website. To assure approval, all other modules must be preapproved by the AOBIM prior to completing a module.

A minimum of 40 points and a maximum of 60 points for Practice Performance Improvement modules (e.g. NBOME patient safety and Chronic Kidney disease modules, and others to be approved) will be required during each 10-year cycle. At least one module must be completed in an area related to the current clinical practice. A list of preapproved modules will be listed on the website. To assure approval, all other modules must be sent to the AOBIM for preapproval before completing a module.

Secure Cognitive Examination

A proctored secure cognitive examination will be required to complete OCC during each 10-year cycle. The examination must be taken in the last two years of the 10-year cycle. If a Diplomate holds more than one time-limited certification, the secure examination must be passed in each area that the Diplomate intends to maintain that certification.

Board Review Course

A Board Review Course is no longer required. But if a review course is completed that includes a posttest that course may be submitted for the required self-assessment points.

Initial Entry into OCC

Those Diplomates with time-limited certificates that expire prior to 2016 or during the calendar years of 2016, 2017 and 2018 will be required to complete a total of 30 points plus pass the secure examination in order to complete OCC and maintain certification. Points for practice performance modules will not be required for those with certificates expiring prior to 2019.

Those Diplomates with time-limited certificates that expire during the calendar years of 2019, 2020 and 2021 will be required to complete a total of 60 points, plus pass the secure examination in order to become recertified. A minimum of 15 points must be completed in Practice Performance Improvement and 15 points in Self-Assessment of Medical Knowledge.
All Diplomates with certification certificates expiring during 2022 and thereafter will be required to accumulate a total of 100 points during each 10-year cycle as described above.

Registration and OCC Fees

All Diplomates must first register on the OCC Education Center for Internal Medicine website to enter the OCC program. The OCC registration fee for a 10-year cycle will be $500. The registration fee will be prorated for those with certificates expiring prior to 2022 as follows:

Prior to 2019--$200
2019-21--$350

All Diplomates will be required to pay the examination fee for each secure examination as follows:

Internal Medicine--$600
Subspecialty--$450
Conjoint Subspecialty—Fees vary according to the subspecialty

Monitoring and Recording of all OCC Components

As soon as a Diplomate registers for OCC, they will be able to go to the website and view their OCC progress on their own secure dashboard. A username and password are required to register and view the dashboard.