The ACGME uses board certification rates as a measurable outcome of program quality. The institution should sponsor graduate medical education programs whose graduates are successful in passing their boards.

Establishment of program expectations to address board certification will enhance the quality of programs, help to ensure substantial compliance with the program requirements, promote professionalism and lifelong learning for the residents and enhance the recruitment efforts of our programs.

Programs must have policies consistent with these expectations and disseminate to residents and members of the faculty.

GME Programs are expected to:

- adequately prepare their residents to pass the specialty's certification examination
- meet the targets set within the ACGME's Common Program requirements and by their own ACGME Specialty Program Requirements that pertain to board certification
- achieve a pass rate of 80% of a three-year or six-year period, based upon the timing of the specialty exam.
- identify and establish educational initiatives in support of achieving the program performance goals, such as funding for the Certification Exam, Board Preparation Courses, etc.

Institutional Monitoring: On an annual basis, the Graduate Medical Education Committee and Designated Institutional Official, through the subcommittee of the GMEC: Committee for Annual Program Evaluation Review will review programs' board pass rate data for the most recent five-year period, as reported in the Annual Program Evaluation and Review and the pass rate for graduates from 7 years ago as reported in the annual ACGME ADS updates.