Becoming and maintaining a board certified physician is an amazing journey that can take 7-14 years of formal training AFTER one graduates from college with appropriate prerequisite courses. Upon completion of each stage there are typically licensing/certification examinations and then on-going recertification.

**UME: Medical Education**

**Medical School**
*Apply: Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) + grades + experiences + $35K Tuition/yr*
- Typically 4 years - 18-24 mos of foundational courses + 18-24 mos of clinical experiences - Graduate with MD or DO
- EXAM: USMLE Step 1, 2CK & 2CS
- Accreditation
- COCA: Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation

**#1**

**GME: Graduate Medical Education**

**Residency**
*Apply: Select from 30 specialties, submit applications via NRMP "Match" in March*
- Training from 3-7 years requires curriculum, supervised clinical training, assessments linked to competency milestones in 6 areas (MK, PC, Prof, IC, PBLI, SBP)
- EXAM: USMLE Step 3 Med License Specialty Board Certification
- Accreditation
- Program & Sponsoring Institution
- ACGME (Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education)

**#2**

**GME: Graduate Medical Education**

**Fellowship**
*Applications for advanced training within almost every speciality.*
- Training Periods began AFTER residency - ranging from 1-5 years additional training still meeting 6 competency domains.
- EXAM: Subspecialty Board Certification
- Accreditation: Most by ACGME

**#3**

**CME: Continuing Medical Education**

**Continuing Profess Develop**
*SPECIALTY BOARD (Re)Certification: Physicians are required to complete multiple activities including Exams and CE Projects to maintain specialty certification (ABMS)
- STATE LICENSURE: Requirements vary by state but all require various forms of document continuing education by certified providers

**#4**

Internal Hires more efficient with system
- Internal Hire reduce full time (loss of revenue)
- Day 1