

## Maintenance of Certification and the Role of CAMPEP

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The Commission on Accreditation of Medical Physics Educational Programs evaluates and accredits Medical Physics Continuing Education Credits (MPCEC) in the radiological physics area. This has become critically important to many medical physicists since all medical physicists certified by the American Board of Radiology after 2002 are now required to participate in the Maintenance of Certification program. This program lasts 10 years and requires Diplomates to achieve specified goals in four component areas: Professional Standing (including licensure if appropriate), Lifelong Learning and Self-Assessment, Cognitive Experience and Practice Quality Improvement. These four component areas include six competencies: Medical Knowledge, Patient Care, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Professionalism, Practice-based Learning and Improvement and Systems-based Practice.

On a practical level, each candidate is required to earn 250 MPCEC credits over the 10-year cycle, some of which may be Self-Directed Educational Projects (SDEP) of 15 credit each. CAMPEP will evaluate and award credits for meetings, seminars and online programs. Each Diplomate must also complete twenty Self-Assessment Modules (SAMS) over the 10-year period. SAMS credits are available from this ACMP meeting, AAPM meetings and other meetings to be designated. Seven SAMS modules were available online at AAPM but were temporarily discontinued. These will be available only if an AAPM member activates the optional Remote Directed Continuing Education (RDCE) utility.

The Cognitive Experience portion of MOC is demonstrated through taking one examination during year 8, 9 or 10. This exam is not available yet. Every Diplomate is expected to take part in Practice Quality Improvement throughout the 10-year cycle. Examples of PQI projects are available at the ABR webpage.

It is the responsibility of each Diplomate to create their own user name and profile at the ABR webpage, and to maintain their MPCEC credits at the CME Gateway portal. Users may create their own username and password, login and make sure that all credits have been correctly awarded.

### Educational Objectives:

1. Understand the ABR Maintenance of Certification program.
2. Understand CAMPEP's role in MOC.
3. Begin to construct your own individual 10-year MOC program.

