



How to Become an IAOM Fellow in Orofacial Myology (FOM)

*This document provides an overall outline of the process.
Detailed instructional handouts are provided on the IAOM website, member section.*

Step 1:

- Complete an IAOM-Approved 28-hour Certification-Track Course.

Step 2:

- Join the IAOM as an “Active Member”. The application is available on the www.iaom.com website at: <http://www.iaom.com/join-iaom/>. You will be required to submit the following information along with your application for membership:
 - Copy of your professional license
 - Copy of your Certificate of Completion from an IAOM-approved 28-hour Certification Track Course
 - \$175.00 application fee (a \$20 discount is given, if joining within 2 months of completing the course). A promo code will be given to you, as you fill out the application for this discount. ***Note:** The membership is renewed, no matter what month you join, in March of the following year.

Step 3:

- Make note that you have 5 years from the completion of your IAOM-approved 28-hour certification track course to **start** the FOM process. If you **start** the process, by submitting an *application for FOM*, more than 5 years past taking your course, you will need to take another IAOM-approved 28-hour certification track course.

Step 4:

- Submit an application to become a candidate for FOM status. ~ **Your IAOM Membership dues must be current.**
 - Complete the 4-page application found via the IAOM website at www.iaom.com/fom
 - Email the completed application, a copy of your professional license and a copy of your Certificate of Completion from an IAOM-approved 28-hour Certification Track Course to the Executive Coordinator at info@iaom.com.
 - The Executive Coordinator will invoice you (to the email you originally provided on your application form) for the \$175.00 application fee.
- The IAOM Mentoring Committee is available for support if needed in the FOM process at mentoring@iaom.com.

Step 5: Objective Exam

- Complete the objective exam: Candidate has 6 months to complete the objective exam. Once passed with an 80% or higher score, proceed to Step 6, the oral interview. If the candidate does not pass the objective exam, they must restart the process, starting with payment of the \$175.00 and taking a new objective exam. Candidates who completed their IAOM-approved 28-hour certification track course more than 5 years ago, must take another IAOM certification track course before restarting the FOM process.

Step 6: Oral Interview

- Note that the Candidate has **2 years from the time notified of passing the objective exam to complete the 2-hour oral interview with two BOE Examiners *assigned* by the BOE Chairs.** The interview is conducted remotely via Zoom or other video platform chosen by the candidate as a means for the candidate to demonstrate competency with orofacial myology concepts.
- Contact the Executive Coordinator at info@iaom.com for the invoice/payment of the \$600.00 for the FOM interview fee. Payment must be received prior to scheduling the interview.
- Once the FOM candidate interview is scheduled with 2 ***assigned*** BOE Examiners, one Examiner must submit written notification of the interview date to the BOE chairs at BOE@iaom.com .
- Hold the interview per all guidelines prescribed in “Instructions: FOM ORAL INTERVIEW” on the IAOM website, member section.
- The BOE Chairs will notify the candidate of the interview results after receipt of the Examiner’s scoring in approximately 1 week. Successful completion of the interview will result in designation of FOM status.
- Every Fellow in Orofacial Myology (FOM) is required to obtain 20 hours of related continuing education every two years to maintain FOM status.

In-depth details about each step are available on the IAOM website, member section