



How to Become an IAOM Board-Certified Orofacial Myologist (COM®)

This document provides an overall outline of the IAOM Certification process. Detailed instructional handouts are provided on the IAOM website and member only section. These can be accessed once you have officially enrolled in the certification program.

Q: What is a Certified Orofacial Myologist (COM®)?

A: COM® denotes a mastery level in the treatment of orofacial myofunctional disorders and is meant to be awarded after accomplished clinical experience for what the IAOM has set forth.

The Process to become a Certified Orofacial Myologist (COM®):

1. Join IAOM as an Active member

\$250.00 – membership starts the date you join for one-year

2. Complete a 28-hour orofacial myofunctional therapy course

This must be from one course resulting in a minimum of 28 hours and not several courses total in 28 hours. You must provide your course completion certificate or course verification with the enrollment of the certification application.

3. Begin implementation in a clinical setting

Begin implementing what you have learned by developing a caseload! You will need experience in the assessment and treatment of orofacial myofunctional disorders prior to starting the certification process. It is required for you to have worked with a minimum of two patients, ages four years or older, who have completed the entire program.

4. Apply to enroll in the COM® certification

Complete the Certification Application and provide education verification and completion of your 28-hour orofacial myofunctional therapy course. Once received and approved, you will be invoiced the \$250.00 certification enrollment fee

Your Active membership dues must be current prior to certification enrollment. The Certification enrollment fee is separate from your membership dues.

5. Complete the written proficiency examination

Upon enrollment into the IAOM Certification Track, you will be provided with a competency checklist of subject areas you will be tested upon. Your examination will be emailed through a separate link through the secure testing portal. You have three-months to complete the proficiency examination which consists of 140 multiple choice questions. Once you click to activate your exam, you have a continuous 8-hour clock to complete and submit your examination. The written proficiency examination must be passed with an 80% or higher. Should you fall below the 80% passing, you may apply for a re-take for an additional \$250.00.

**Note: Per your certification application, please be reminded that this exam is for your test taking purposes only and any form of photography, copying and exam sharing is strictly prohibited. Doing so, may result in being removed from the certification program and as a member from the IAOM.*

6. Onsite evaluation in front of two IAOM appointed Board Certified Orofacial Myologist

Certification track candidates have one year from the time notified of passing the written proficiency examination to complete the onsite evaluation and documentation required. A set schedule will be provided of available testing dates and times. All onsite evaluations will be performed, recorded, and

provided by the organization through the Secure Video platform. International candidates, due to the vast time difference, will record their onsite evaluation in accordance with the criteria for the three required appointments, grade sheet and onsite documentation provided. Onsite evaluations are \$850.00 in which you will be invoiced prior to your scheduled onsite date.

The onsite application will consist of:

1. Submission of a completed case study
 - Note: Your case study must be of a patient 4-years of age or older
 2. Complete four (4) IAOM Mentoring Committee meetings either in-person or accessed through our recordings.
 3. Onsite application documents
 - Due 1 week prior to your scheduled onsite
7. Become a Certified Orofacial Myologist® (COM®)- Once you become a COM®, it's required that you maintain your Active membership dues (in accordance with your own membership year when you joined) and have 20 CEUs on file starting the year after you earn your COM® for a 2-year cycle.