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Program Director Guide

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ABPM's Online Physician Portal

Getting Started on the Physician Portal

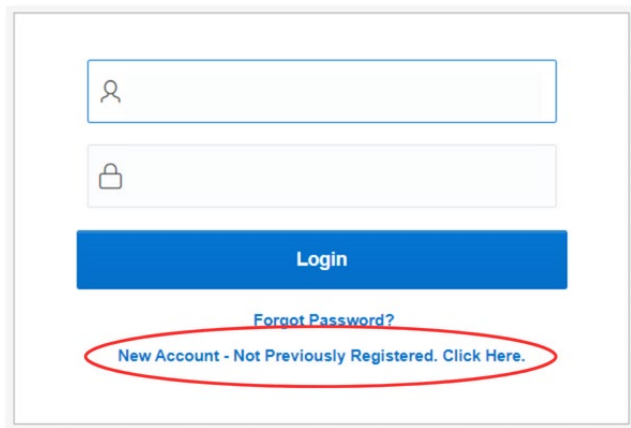
The ABPM launched an all-new, user-friendly Physician Portal in March 2023. Through the Physician Portal, physicians can apply for eligibility to take the certification exams, register for an exam, track and complete Continuing Certification Program (CCP) requirements, print a verification of their certification, and more.

Logging In – For Current Diplomates

If you are a current ABPM diplomate and do not know your login credentials, please contact ABPM staff at abpm@theabpm.org. We will be able to provide your username and send you a password reset link.

Creating an Account

Physicians who have never had an account with the ABPM should go to Physician Portal login page at https://physicianportal.theabpm.org/abpmssa/ssaauthmenu.show_top_menu and click the “New Account – Not Previously Registered” link.



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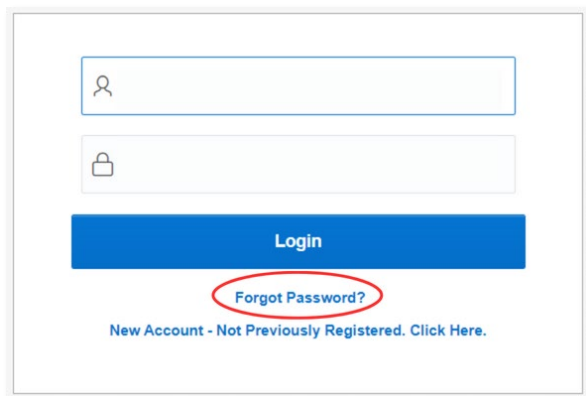
- A text input field for the username, preceded by a person icon.
- A text input field for the password, preceded by a lock icon.
- A blue button labeled "Login".
- A link labeled "Forgot Password?" in red text.
- A link labeled "New Account - Not Previously Registered. Click Here." in blue text, which is circled in red.

Accessing the Physician Portal

After you set up your account, you can access the Physician Portal at https://physicianportal.theabpm.org/abpmssa/ssaauthmenu.show_top_menu.

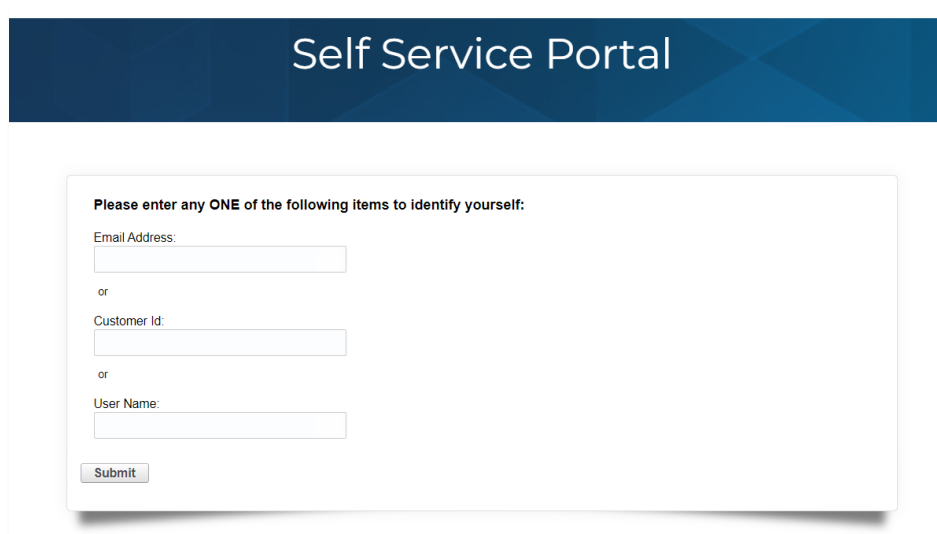
Resetting Your Password

If you have forgotten your password or need to reset it, please go to https://physicianportal.theabpm.org/abpmssa/ssaauthmenu.show_top_menu and click on the "Forgot Password?" link.



The screenshot shows a login form with two input fields: one with a person icon and one with a lock icon. Below the fields is a blue "Login" button. Underneath the button is a red circle around the text "Forgot Password?". At the bottom, there is a link: "New Account - Not Previously Registered. Click Here."

On the next screen, enter your email address, Customer ID, or user name. Please note that if you choose to enter your email address, it will need to match exactly the email address associated with your ABPM Physician Portal account. If you are unsure of your Customer ID or user name, contact [ABPM staff](#).



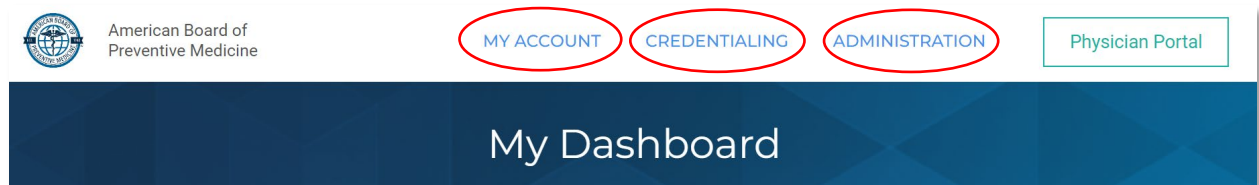
The screenshot shows the "Self Service Portal" header. Below it is a form with the instruction: "Please enter any ONE of the following items to identify yourself:". The form contains three input fields: "Email Address:", "Customer Id:", and "User Name:". Below the fields is a "Submit" button.

After clicking "submit," you will receive an email from abpm@theabpm.org with the subject line "Credentials." Use the password reset link in that email to set up your password and gain access to the Physician Portal.

Navigating the Physician Portal

Menus

After logging in, you will see the Physician Portal dashboard. Across the top of the dashboard, you will see three drop-down menus that offer several useful functions.



My Account Menu

- **Individual Profile** – Review and update your personal and demographic information.
- **Communication Preferences** – Tell us which emails you would like to receive from us.
- **Change Password**
- **Bio** – Add a photo and a short biography – strictly optional.
- **Board Verification Letter** – Download a primary-source verification of your ABPM certification.
- **Log Off**

Credentialing Menu

- **Certification Directory** – Search for other ABPM diplomates by name and location using the ABMS' Certification Matters directory.

Administration Menu

- **Invoice History** – View your ABPM invoices.

- Pay Open Invoices
- Manage Medical Licenses – Add, edit, or delete your medical licenses
- Program Director Report (available to Program Directors only)

Dashboard

The “My Dashboard” screen will display several widgets. The specific widgets shown are based on your status with ABPM. For example, current diplomates who are participating in the Continuing Certification Program (CCP) will see the “Continuing Certification Annual Attestation” widget, while physicians who are in the process of applying for a certification exam will see an “Applications in Progress” widget.

The screenshot shows the 'My Dashboard' interface for the American Board of Preventive Medicine. At the top, there are navigation links for 'MY ACCOUNT', 'CREDENTIALING', 'ADMINISTRATION', and 'Physician Portal'. The main header reads 'My Dashboard'.

On the left, there is a profile management section with a 'Manage My Picture' button and fields for 'Address', 'Work Phone', and 'Email', with an 'Update Profile' button at the bottom.

The central section is titled 'Continuing Certification Annual Attestation'. It contains the following text:

During Phase Two of the CCP, in effect for calendar years 2025 - 2029, you have four annual requirements. You can learn more about CCP requirements [here](#).

- ✓ 1. Annual Fees: Thank you for submitting payment for your annual fee. You may review your invoice history [here](#).
- ⚠ 2. Lifelong Professional Development CME Attestation: You may now submit your attestation of compliance with the Lifelong Professional Development component of the CCP. [Complete 2025 Attestation Now](#).
- ✓ 3. Medical License: You must maintain a current, valid, and unrestricted medical license in every US state, US territory, or Canadian province in which you are licensed to practice medicine.
- ⚠ 4. Longitudinal Assessment Program (LAP): Log into the Learnswell platform to answer 90 LAP questions by December 31, 2025. [Learnswell Login](#).

To attest, select "Manage My Licenses" in the Licenses section of your dashboard, click the pencil next to each license, ensure the information is correct, and check the attestation. You must attest to all unexpired licenses annually to complete this requirement.

Below this section is an 'Email History' section.

On the right, there are three main sections:

- Certifications:** A table with columns: Specialty (Occupational & Env Med), Status (CERTIFIED), Cert Number (redacted), Start Date (01/01/2015), and Expiration Date (12/31/2029).
- Licenses:** A table with columns: License # (redacted), Country (USA), State (NC), and Exp Date (redacted). Below the table is a 'Manage My Licenses' button.
- Invoices:** A section with radio buttons for 'Paid Invoices', 'Unpaid Invoices', and 'All Invoices' (selected). Below is a table with columns: Invoice Date, Description, Total Charges, Payments, Balance, and Actions.

An example of a diplomate's dashboard.

Program Director Functions

The Program Director Exam Score Report

ABPM exam scores for examinees who applied through the residency or fellowship pathways are now available online. Program directors have access to the scores through the ABPM's Physician Portal.

To access the ABPM's program director exam score report, log into your [Physician Portal account](#). Then, in the "Administration" menu, click the "Program Director report." You will then be able to view a list of all residents'/fellows' exam scores.



Please note that the program director reports include exam scores beginning with 2023. Historical exam score data is available and may be requested from [ABPM staff](#).

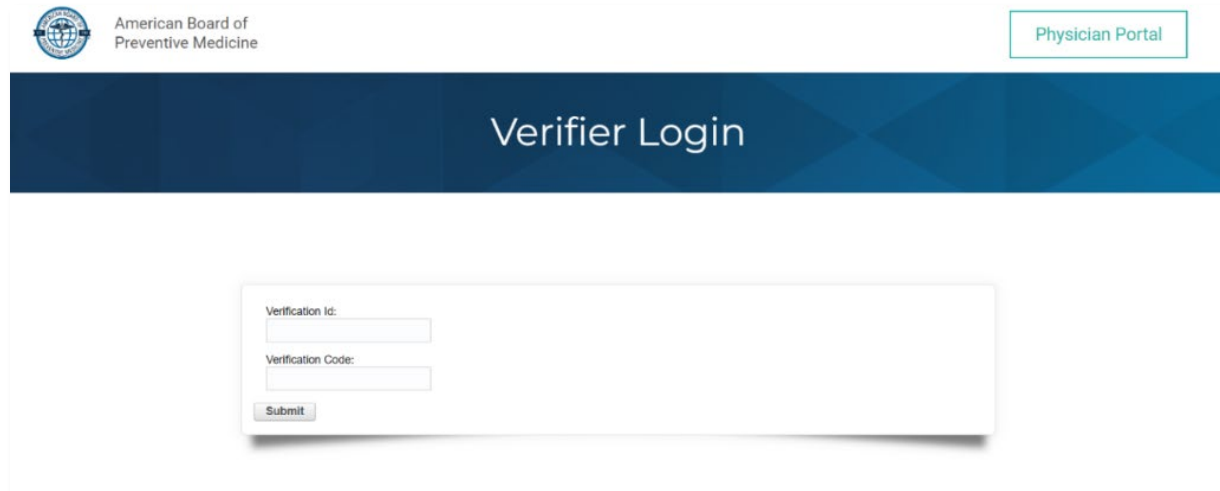
If you are a program director and but are not able to access the score report through your Physician Portal account, please contact ABPM staff at abpm@theabpm.org.

Verifying Applicants

When the residents or fellows apply to the Board for certification exam eligibility, they are required to request verification of their successful residency/fellowship completion from their program director as part of the application process.

You will receive an email when one of your residents or fellows requests a verification from you. The email will include a unique ID and code for each individual resident's or fellow's verification. Click the link in the email and enter the ID and code to access the online verification form.

If the applicant is applying before their program is finished (which is the case for most applicants), you will first complete the interim verification form. This allows ABPM staff to review the application before the applicant has completed the program. When the applicant finishes their program, ABPM will send the final verification form to the Program Director. ABPM will lock any exam results until the final verification form has been received.



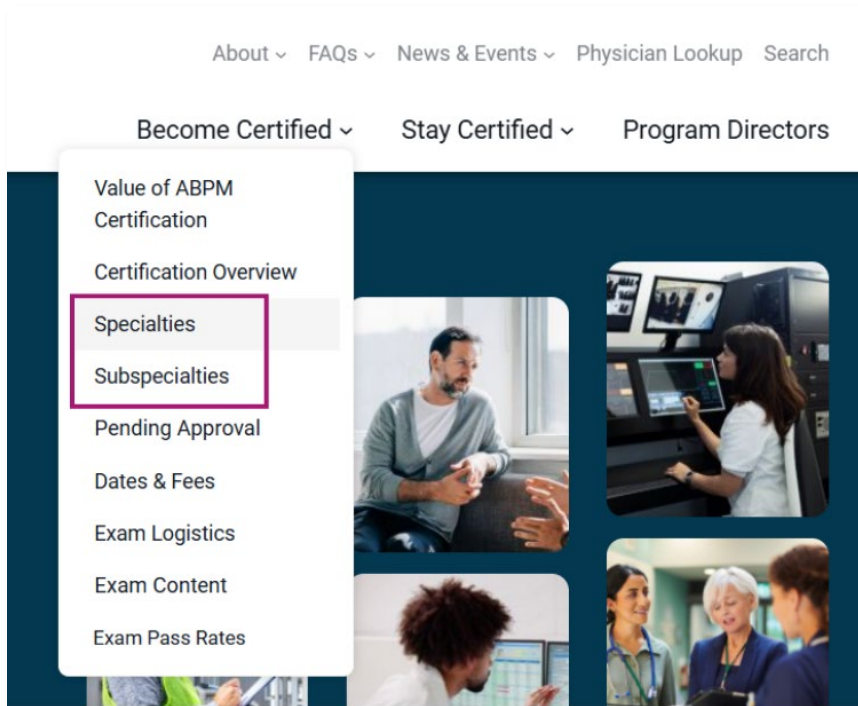
The screenshot shows the 'Physician Portal' interface. At the top left is the American Board of Preventive Medicine logo and name. At the top right is a 'Physician Portal' button. The main heading is 'Verifier Login'. Below this is a form with two input fields: 'Verification Id:' and 'Verification Code:'. A 'Submit' button is located below the second field.

Making Changes to your Program

To report program changes, including updates to contact information, staff, or other details, please contact ABPM staff at abpm@theabpm.org and we will be happy to help.

Applying for Certification Exam Eligibility

To apply, your residents/fellows should go to the “Become Certified” section of the ABPM’s website at www.theabpm.org, then select either “Specialties” or “Subspecialties” from the “Become Certified” drop-down menu.



On the following page, applicants can choose a specialty or subspecialty. Click “Learn More” to find eligibility requirements for each available pathway.

Three informational cards are displayed side-by-side, each with a dark blue background and white text. Each card has a 'Learn More' button at the bottom. The first card is for 'Aerospace Medicine', the second for 'Occupational & Environmental Medicine', and the third for 'Public Health & General Preventive Medicine'.

Aerospace Medicine

Aerospace medicine focuses on the clinical care, research, and operational support of the health, safety, and performance of crew members and passengers of air and space vehicles, together with the support personnel who assist operation of such vehicles.

Occupational & Environmental Medicine

Occupational and Environmental Medicine focuses on the health of workers, including the ability to perform work; the physical, chemical, biological, and social environments of the workplace; and the health outcomes of environmental exposures.

Public Health & General Preventive Medicine

Public health and general preventive medicine focuses on promoting health, preventing disease, and managing the health of communities and defined populations.

After reviewing eligibility and other specialty/subspecialty information, click “Apply Now” to begin an application in the appropriate pathway.

Residency Pathway

This pathway is open to all applicants who have completed an ACGME-accredited or Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) Occupational and Environmental Medicine residency of not less than two years.

Physicians who entered a residency with advanced standing and therefore have completed only one year of an Occupational and Environmental Medicine should also apply via the residency pathway.

[Apply Now](#)

► [Full Requirements](#)

Applicants will be directed to log into ABPM’s Physician Portal. If they do not already have an account on the new Physician Portal, they should click the “New Account” link as shown below.

Please note: Your username is NOT your email address. If you do not remember your username, please click “Forgot Password” to retrieve your username.

Username ⋮

Password ⋮

[Login](#)

[Forgot Password?](#)

[New Account - Not Previously Registered. Click Here.](#)

After logging in or creating their account, applicants will be able to proceed with the online application.

A list of direct links to each type of application, by specialty/subspecialty and pathway, may be found in [Appendix A](#).

Specialty Applications: General Requirements

- **Medical License:** An unrestricted and currently valid license to practice medicine in a State, Territory, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States, or in the District of Columbia, or in a Province of Canada is required. No licenses may be restricted, revoked, suspended, or currently under such notice.
- **Medical Degree:** Graduation from a medical school in the United States which at the time of the applicant's graduation was accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, a school of osteopathic medicine approved by the American Osteopathic Association, an accredited medical school in Canada, or a medical school located outside the United States and Canada that is deemed satisfactory to the Board is required.
- **Graduate Coursework:** At least 15 total equivalent hours of graduate-level courses are required in the core coursework areas of biostatistics, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, health services administration, and environmental health sciences.

Aerospace Medicine (AM)

Residency Pathway

Requirements

- **Clinical Training:** One year of supervised postgraduate clinical training provided as part of an ACGME-accredited graduate medical education program. Clinical training accredited by ACGME International Advanced Specialty Accreditation, American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is also acceptable.
 - Clinical training must include at least ten months of direct patient care comprising ambulatory and inpatient experience involving diagnostic workup and treatment of individual patients.
- **Residency:** Two years of ACGME-accredited or RCPSC Aerospace Medicine residency training which includes supervised experience in the practice of Aerospace Medicine.
- **Graduate Coursework:** Successful completion of a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, including coursework in the five content areas (biostatistics, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, health services administration, environmental health sciences).
- **Practice Activity:** If applying more than 24 months after completing residency training, the applicant must be able to document one year of Aerospace Medicine practice within the past three years.

Required Documentation

All supporting documentation must be received by July 31 of the year the application is submitted.

- Graduate Coursework transcript
- Residency Program verification

- Must be completed by the residency program director.
- If the program is completed after July 31, the verification must be completed immediately upon graduation.
- **CV/Resume**
 - Required *only* if applicant completed residency more than 24 months prior to applying for certification
- **Letters of Reference:** If the applicant completed residency more than 24 months prior to applying for certification, three letters of reference are required.
 - At least one letter of reference must be written by an ABPM diplomate certified in Aerospace Medicine.
 - At least one letter of reference (which may or may not be the same as the letter written by an ABPM diplomate) must be written by a physician who is familiar with the applicant's professional work activities within the three years immediately preceding the date the applicant applied for initial certification.
- **Medical License:** ABPM will verify the applicant's medical license.

Complementary Pathway

Requirements

- **Clinical Training:** Two years or more of supervised postgraduate clinical training as part of an ACGME-accredited graduate medical education program. Clinical training accredited by ACGME International Advanced Specialty Accreditation, American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is also acceptable.
 - Clinical training must include at least ten months of direct patient care comprising ambulatory and inpatient experience involving diagnostic workup and treatment of individual patients.

- **Residency Training:** A year of ACGME-accredited residency training in Aerospace Medicine which provides supervised experience in the practice of Aerospace Medicine.
 - Aerospace Medicine residency training must include a minimum of eight months of direct patient care.
- **Graduate Coursework:** Successful completion of a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, including coursework in the five content areas (biostatistics, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, health services administration, environmental health sciences).

Required Documentation

- **CV/Resume**
- **Graduate coursework transcript**
- **Residency program verification** completed by the residency program director.
- **Three letters of reference**
 - At least one letter of reference must be written by an ABPM diplomate certified in Aerospace Medicine.
 - At least one letter of reference (which may or may not be the same as the letter written by an ABPM diplomate) must be written by a physician who is familiar with the applicant's professional work activities within the three years immediately preceding the date the applicant applied for initial certification.
- **Medical License:** ABPM will verify the applicant's medical license.

Other Pathways and Resources

- Current requirements for the residency pathway and all other pathways are available at <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/specialties/aerospace-medicine/>.

- Requirements and Documentation Table <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/specialties/specialty-eligibility-requirements-table/>
- FAQs <https://support.theabpm.org/hc/en-us/sections/28440301809819-Specialty-Certification>
- Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) <https://www.asma.org/home>

Occupational and Environmental Medicine (OEM)

Residency Pathway

Requirements

- **Clinical Training:** One year of supervised postgraduate clinical training provided as part of an ACGME-accredited graduate medical education program. Clinical training accredited by ACGME International Advanced Specialty Accreditation, American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is also acceptable.
 - Clinical training must include at least ten months of direct patient care comprising ambulatory and inpatient experience involving diagnostic workup and treatment of individual patients.
- **Residency:** Two years of ACGME-accredited or RCPSC Occupational and Environmental Medicine residency training which includes supervised experience in the practice of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.
- **Graduate Coursework:** Successful completion of a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, including coursework in the five content areas (biostatistics, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, health services administration, environmental health sciences).
- **Practice Activity:** If applying more than 24 months after completing residency training, the applicant must be able to document one year of Occupational and Environmental Medicine practice within the past three years.

Required Documentation

All supporting documentation must be received by July 31 of the year the application is submitted.

- **Graduate Coursework transcript**

- **Residency Program verification**, completed by the residency program director. If the program is completed after July 31, the verification must be completed immediately upon graduation.
- **CV/Resume** required only if applicant completed residency more than 24 months prior to applying for certification.
- **Letters of Reference:** If the applicant completed residency more than 24 months prior to applying for certification, three letters of reference are required.
 - At least one letter of reference must be written by an ABPM diplomate certified in Occupational and Environmental Medicine.
 - At least one letter of reference (which may or may not be the same as the letter written by an ABPM diplomate) must be written by a physician who is familiar with the applicant's professional work activities within the three years immediately preceding the date the applicant applied for initial certification.
- **Medical License:** ABPM will verify the applicant's medical license.

Complementary Pathway

Requirements

- **Clinical Training:** Two years of supervised postgraduate clinical training as part of an ACGME-accredited graduate medical education program. Clinical training accredited by ACGME International Advanced Specialty Accreditation, American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is also acceptable.
 - Clinical training must include at least ten months of direct patient care comprising ambulatory and inpatient experience involving diagnostic workup and treatment of individual patients.
- **Residency Training:** A year of ACGME-accredited residency training in Occupational and Environmental Medicine which provides supervised experience in the practice of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. Occupational and Environmental

Medicine residency training must include a minimum of eight months of direct patient care.

- **Graduate Coursework:** Successful completion of a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, including coursework in the five content areas (biostatistics, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, health services administration, environmental health sciences).

Required Documentation

- **CV/Resume**
- **Graduate coursework transcript**
- **Residency program verification** completed by the residency program director.
- **Three letters of reference**
 - At least one letter of reference must be written by an ABPM diplomate certified in Occupational and Environmental Medicine.
 - At least one letter of reference (which may or may not be the same as the letter written by an ABPM diplomate) must be written by a physician who is familiar with the applicant's professional work activities within the three years immediately preceding the date the applicant applied for initial certification.
- **Medical License:** ABPM will verify the applicant's medical license.

Other Pathways and Resources

- Current requirements for the residency pathway and all other pathways are available at <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/specialties/occupational-medicine/>
- Requirements and Documentation Table <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/specialties/specialty-eligibility-requirements-table/>

- FAQs <https://support.theabpm.org/hc/en-us/sections/28440301809819-Specialty-Certification>
- American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) <https://acoem.org/>

Public Health and General Preventive Medicine (PHGPM)

Residency Pathway

Requirements

- **Clinical Training:** One year of supervised postgraduate clinical training provided as part of an ACGME-accredited graduate medical education program. Clinical training accredited by ACGME International Advanced Specialty Accreditation, American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is also acceptable.
 - Clinical training must include at least ten months of direct patient care comprising ambulatory and inpatient experience involving diagnostic workup and treatment of individual patients.
- **Residency:** Two years of ACGME-accredited or RCPSC Public Health and General Preventive Medicine residency training which includes supervised experience in the practice of Public Health and General Preventive Medicine.
- **Graduate Coursework:** Successful completion of a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, including coursework in the five content areas (biostatistics, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, health services administration, environmental health sciences).
- **Practice Activity:** If applying more than 24 months after completing residency training, the applicant must be able to document one year of Public Health and General Preventive Medicine practice within the past three years.

Required Documentation

All supporting documentation must be received by July 31 of the year the application is submitted.

- **Graduate Coursework transcript**

- **Residency Program verification**, completed by the residency program director. If the program is completed after July 31, the verification must be completed immediately upon graduation.
- **CV/Resume** required only if applicant completed residency more than 24 months prior to applying for certification.
- **Letters of Reference:** If the applicant completed residency more than 24 months prior to applying for certification, three letters of reference are required.
 - At least one letter of reference must be written by an ABPM diplomate certified in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine.
 - At least one letter of reference (which may or may not be the same as the letter written by an ABPM diplomate) must be written by a physician who is familiar with the applicant's professional work activities within the three years immediately preceding the date the applicant applied for initial certification.
- **Medical License:** ABPM will verify the applicant's medical license.

Complementary Pathway

Requirements

- **Clinical Training:** Two years of supervised postgraduate clinical training as part of an ACGME-accredited graduate medical education program. Clinical training accredited by ACGME International Advanced Specialty Accreditation, American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) is also acceptable.
 - Clinical training must include at least ten months of direct patient care comprising ambulatory and inpatient experience involving diagnostic workup and treatment of individual patients.
- **Residency Training:** A year of ACGME-accredited residency training in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine which provides supervised experience in the practice of Public Health and General Preventive Medicine.

- Public Health and General Preventive Medicine residency training must include a minimum of four months of direct patient care.
- **Graduate Coursework:** Successful completion of a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, including coursework in the five content areas (biostatistics, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences, health services administration, environmental health sciences).

Required Documentation

- **CV/Resume**
- **Graduate coursework transcript**
- **Residency program verification** completed by the residency program director.
- **Three letters of reference**
 - At least one letter of reference must be written by an ABPM diplomate certified in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine.
 - At least one letter of reference (which may or may not be the same as the letter written by an ABPM diplomate) must be written by a physician who is familiar with the applicant's professional work activities within the three years immediately preceding the date the applicant applied for initial certification.
- **Medical License:** ABPM will verify the applicant's medical license.

Other Pathways and Resources

- Current requirements for the residency pathway and all other pathways are available at <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/specialties/public-health-general-preventive-medicine/>
- Requirements and Documentation Table <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/specialties/specialty-eligibility-requirements-table/>

- FAQs <https://support.theabpm.org/hc/en-us/sections/28440301809819-Specialty-Certification>
- American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) <https://www.acpm.org/>

Subspecialty Applications: General Requirements

- **Medical License:** An unrestricted and currently valid license to practice medicine in a State, Territory, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States, or in the District of Columbia, or in a Province of Canada is required. No licenses may be restricted, revoked, suspended, or currently under such notice.
- **Medical Degree:** Graduation from a medical school in the United States which at the time of the applicant's graduation was accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, a school of osteopathic medicine approved by the American Osteopathic Association, an accredited medical school in Canada, or a medical school located outside the United States and Canada that is deemed satisfactory to the Board is required.
- **Primary Specialty Certification:** Primary certification is a core requirement. Physicians must possess current primary specialty certification through an ABMS member board, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).
 - **ABMS subspecialty board certification:** Some ABMS member boards consider maintaining subspecialty certification as meeting the primary specialty certification requirements. In those cases, the individual is deemed certified in the primary specialty. Primary specialty certification status is determined by each individual board. For more information about qualifying primary specialty certificates, please visit the ABMS website at <https://www.abms.org/member-boards/specialty-subspecialty-certificates/>.

Addiction Medicine (ADM)

General Requirements

- **Medical License:** Applicants must possess an unrestricted and currently valid license to practice medicine in a State, Territory, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States, or in the District of Columbia, or in a Province of Canada. No licenses may be restricted, revoked, suspended, or currently under such notice.
- **Medical Degree:** Graduation from a medical school in the United States which at the time of the applicant's graduation was accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, a school of osteopathic medicine approved by the American Osteopathic Association, an accredited medical school in Canada, or a medical school located outside the United States and Canada that is deemed satisfactory to the Board is required.
- **Primary Specialty Certification:** Applicants must possess current primary specialty certification through one of the following organizations:
 - An American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) member board*
 - The American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
 - The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)
 - The Canadian of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).

* Some ABMS member boards consider the achievement of subspecialty certification as meeting primary certification requirements. In those cases, the board would report that the applicant is certified in the primary specialty. The status of primary certification is determined by each individual board. For more information about qualifying primary specialty certificates, please visit the ABMS website at <https://www.abms.org/member-boards/specialty-subspecialty-certificates/>.

ACGME-Accredited Fellowship Pathway

Requirements

- **Fellowship:** Completion of an ACGME-accredited Addiction Medicine fellowship of at least 12 months that is acceptable to the ABPM. If the fellowship program is longer than 12 months, the applicant must complete all years of training for which the fellowship is accredited.

Required Documentation

- **Fellowship Program verification**, completed by the fellowship program director. If the program is completed after July 31, the verification must be completed immediately upon graduation.
- **CV/Resume** required only if applicant completed residency more than 24 months prior to applying for certification.
- **One letter of reference** required if applicant completed fellowship more than 24 months prior to applying for certification. The letter must be written by a physician currently certified by an ABMS member board, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).
- **Medical License and Primary Board certification:** ABPM will verify the applicant's medical license and primary board certification.

Additional Resources

- Current requirements for the fellowship pathway are available at <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/subspecialties/addiction-medicine/>
- Requirements and Documentation Table <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/subspecialties/addiction-medicine/table/>
- FAQs <https://support.theabpm.org/hc/en-us/sections/22506861883291-Subspecialty-Certification>
- American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) <https://www.asam.org/>

Clinical Informatics (CI)

General Requirements

- **Medical License:** Applicants must possess an unrestricted and currently valid license to practice medicine in a State, Territory, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States, or in the District of Columbia, or in a Province of Canada. No licenses may be restricted, revoked, suspended, or currently under such notice.
- **Medical Degree:** Graduation from a medical school in the United States which at the time of the applicant's graduation was accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, a school of osteopathic medicine approved by the American Osteopathic Association, an accredited medical school in Canada, or a medical school located outside the United States and Canada that is deemed satisfactory to the Board is required.
- **Primary Specialty Certification:** Applicants must possess current primary specialty certification through one of the following organizations:
 - An American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) member board*
 - The American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
 - The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)
 - The Canadian of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).

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ACGME-Accredited Fellowship Pathway

Requirements

- **Fellowship:** Completion of an ACGME-accredited Clinical Informatics fellowship program, that is acceptable to the ABPM and is at least 24 months in duration.

Required Documentation

- **Fellowship program verification**, completed by the fellowship program director. If the program is completed after July 31, the verification must be completed immediately upon graduation. The fellowship verification form will be completed by the fellowship program director.
- **CV/Resume** required *only* if applicant completed fellowship more than 24 months prior to applying for certification.
- **One letter of reference** required *only* if applicant completed fellowship more than 24 months prior to applying for certification. The letter must be written by a physician currently certified by an ABMS member board, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).
- **Medical license and primary board certification:** ABPM will verify the applicant's medical license and board certification.

Additional Resources

- Current requirements for the fellowship pathway are available at <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/subspecialties/clinical-informatics/>
- Requirements and Documentation Table <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/subspecialties/clinical-informatics/table/>
- FAQs <https://support.theabpm.org/hc/en-us/sections/22506861883291-Subspecialty-Certification>
- American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) <https://amia.org/>

Health Care Administration, Leadership, and Management (HALM)

The HALM certification exam is administered in even-numbered years only. Physicians will be able to apply for the exam only in years in which the exam is given.

General Requirements

- **Medical License:** Applicants must possess an unrestricted and currently valid license to practice medicine in a State, Territory, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States, or in the District of Columbia, or in a Province of Canada. No licenses may be restricted, revoked, suspended, or currently under such notice.
- **Medical Degree:** Graduation from a medical school in the United States which at the time of the applicant's graduation was accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, a school of osteopathic medicine approved by the American Osteopathic Association, an accredited medical school in Canada, or a medical school located outside the United States and Canada that is deemed satisfactory to the Board is required.
- **Primary Specialty Certification:** Applicants must possess current ABPM specialty or subspecialty certification. In addition, applicants must actively participate in ABPM's Continuing Certification Program (CCP) to maintain their ABPM certification.

ABA-certified physicians may apply for the HALM certification exam through ABA; ABFM-certified physicians may apply through ABFM; physicians certified by any other ABMS member board than ABPM, ABA, or ABFM may apply through ABEM.

ACGME-Accredited Fellowship Pathway

Requirements

- **Fellowship:** Completion of an ACGME-accredited HALM fellowship program that is acceptable to ABPM.
 - The ACGME accredits fellowships of 12 and 24 months in duration. Applicants must successfully complete all months of training for which the HALM fellowship is accredited.

- Applicants must complete the fellowship program by a date sufficiently in advance of the certification exam. ABPM will set the fellowship completion deadline annually at its sole and absolute discretion.

Required Documentation

- **Fellowship Program verification**, completed by the fellowship program director. If the program is completed after July 31, the verification must be completed immediately upon graduation. The fellowship verification form will be completed by the fellowship program director.
- **CV/Resume** required only if the applicant completed their fellowship more than 24 months prior to applying for certification.
- **One letter of reference** is required if the applicant completed their residency more than 24 months prior to applying for certification. The letter must be written by a physician currently certified by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).
- **Medical license and primary board certification**: ABPM will verify the applicant's medical license and ABPM certification.

Practice Pathway

Requirements

- The Practice Pathway will be open through 2030.
- There are two options available for physicians to apply through the Practice Pathway. To be eligible for either option, physicians must have experience managing administrative functions with high-level organizational impact as described in [Appendix B](#).
- ABPM reserves the right to request a copy of a job description, organizational chart, and/or CV/resume to provide clarifying information for any application.

- ABPM requires independent verification of physicians' HALM practice experience from their direct supervisor(s). Such verification shall be determined by the ABPM in its sole and absolute discretion.

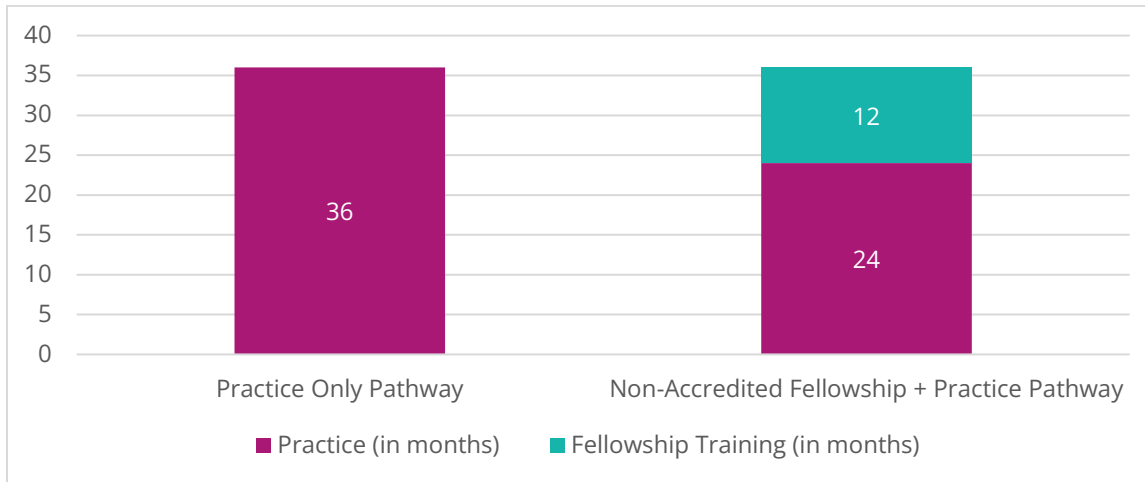
Practice-Only Option

Physicians must demonstrate that, within the seven years (84 months) immediately preceding the date on which they submit their application, they have held position(s) for a minimum of 36 months in which at least 50% of their time is/was devoted to the managing administrative functions with high-level organizational impact as described in Appendix B.

ABPM requires independent verification of physicians' HALM practice experience from their direct supervisor(s). Such verification shall be determined by the ABPM in its sole and absolute discretion.

Non-ACGME-Accredited-Training-Plus-Practice Option

- **Fellowship Training:** Physicians must successfully complete a non-ACGME-accredited fellowship, at least 12 months in duration, that adequately addresses HALM core content. The Fellowship must be sponsored by an ACGME-accredited residency program or ACGME-accredited institution.
 - ABPM will independently verify physicians' completion of the HALM fellowship with the program director. Such verification shall be determined by the ABPM in its sole and absolute discretion.
- **Practice:** Physicians must demonstrate that, within the seven years (84 months) immediately preceding the date on which they submit their application, they have held position(s) for a minimum of 24 months in which at least 50% of their time is/was devoted to the managing administrative functions with high-level organizational impact as described in Appendix B.

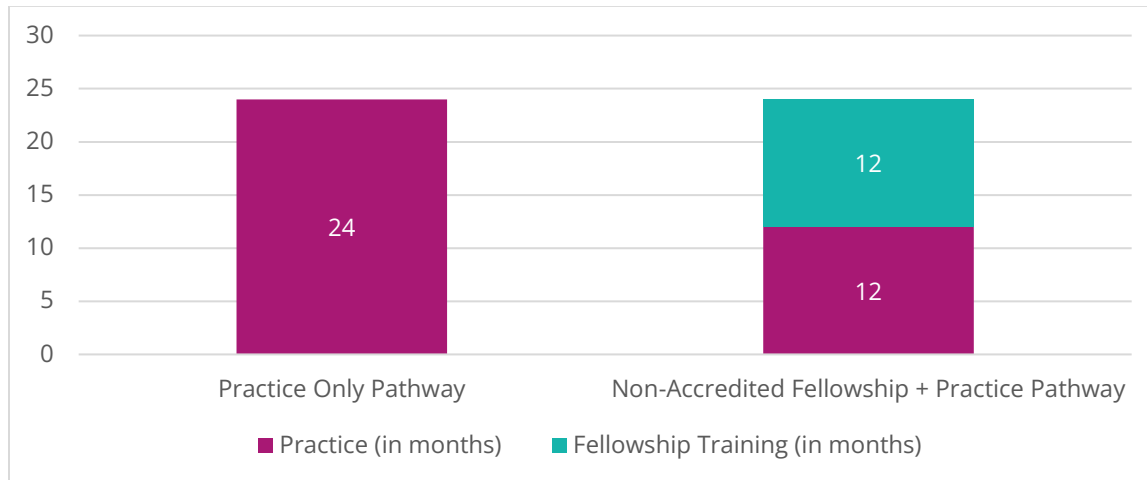


Comparison of the "Practice-Only" and "Non-Accredited Fellowship + Practice" HALM pathways

American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) or the American Association for Physician Leadership (AAPL) Certification

Physicians who are certified by ACHE or AAPL may receive up to a maximum of 12 months' credit toward the practice-time requirements for either the practice-only option or the training-plus-practice option. To receive credit, the physician's ACHE or AAPL certification must be current at the time they submitted their application to ABPM.

- A physician may receive credit for either ACHE or AAPL certification but may not receive double credit for possessing both ACHE and AAPL certification.
- ABPM will independently verify physicians' ACHE and AAPL certification. Such verification shall be determined by the ABPM in its sole and absolute discretion.



Comparison of the “Practice-Only” and “Non-Accredited Fellowship + Practice” HALM pathways for physicians with ACHE or AAPL certification

Required Documentation

- **Practice-Only option**
 - **CV/Resume**
 - **Practice activity verification** completed by the applicant’s supervisor
 - **One letter of reference** from a physician who is certified by an ABMS member board, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)
 - **Other verifications:** ABPM will verify the applicant’s ACHE/AAPL certification (if applicable), medical license, and primary board certification.

- **Non-ACGME-Accredited-Fellowship-Training-Plus-Practice option**
 - **CV/Resume**
 - **Practice activity verification** completed by the applicant’s supervisor
 - **Non-ACGME-accredited fellowship verification** completed by the Program Director

- **One letter of reference** from a physician who is certified by an ABMS member board, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)
- **Other verifications:** ABPM will verify the applicant's ACHE/AAPL certification (if applicable), medical license, and primary board certification.

Additional Resources

- Current requirements for the fellowship pathway and all other pathways are available at <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/subspecialties/health-care-administration-leadership-and-management/>
- Requirements and Documentation Table <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/subspecialties/health-care-administration-leadership-and-management/>
- FAQs <https://support.theabpm.org/hc/en-us/articles/27834628491163-Health-Care-Administration-Leadership-and-Management-HALM-Certification>
- American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) <https://www.ache.org/>
- American Association for Physician Leadership (AAPL) <https://www.physicianleaders.org/>

Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine (UHM)

The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine certification exam is given in even-numbered years only. Physicians will be able to apply for the exam only in years in which the exam is given.

ACGME-Accredited Fellowship Pathway

Requirements

- **Fellowship:** Completion of an ACGME-accredited Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine fellowship program, that is acceptable to the ABPM and is at least 12 months in duration.
- **Current Primary Board Certification:** Current certification through one of the following organizations:
 - An ABMS member board
 - The American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
 - The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or
 - The Canadian of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)

Required Documentation

- **Fellowship Program verification**, completed by the fellowship program director. If the program is completed after July 31, the verification must be completed immediately upon graduation.
- **CV/Resume** required only if the applicant completed their residency more than 24 months prior to applying for certification.
- **One letter of reference** is required if the applicant completed their residency more than 24 months prior to applying for certification. The letter must be written by a physician currently certified by an ABMS member board, the American Osteopathic

Association (AOA), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC), or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).

- **Medical license and primary board certification:** ABPM will verify the applicant's medical license and board certification.

Additional Resources

- Current requirements for the fellowship pathway are available at <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/subspecialties/undersea-and-hyperbaric-medicine/>
- Requirements and Documentation Table <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/subspecialties/undersea-and-hyperbaric-medicine/table/>
- FAQs <https://support.theabpm.org/hc/en-us/articles/28442183906843-Undersea-Hyperbaric-Medicine-Certification>
- Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS) <https://www.uhms.org/>

Application Policies

Policies related to initial certification with the ABPM (as well as the initial certification exam and the ABPM's continuing certification program) can be found on the ABPM website at <https://www.theabpm.org/about-us/abpm-policies/>.

Duration of Each Year of Training Policy

The ABPM recognizes program directors as the final arbiter of trainees' completion of their training program. The following policy is provided as a matter of reference.

A training or experience year ('Training Year') must consist of a minimum of forty-eight (48) weeks of Active Service. In addition to the four (4) weeks of non-Active Service, an additional two (2) weeks of non-Active Service is allowed in any given Training Year but only if such additional two (2) weeks of non-Active Service is in accordance with the training institution's policies on medical, family, or parental leave.

Longer authorized interruptions in a Training Year with documentation of conformance with approved policies on medical, family, or parental leave may be accepted as determined on an individual case basis provided the combined time to be credited includes at least forty-eight (48) weeks of Active Service within an overall period of two (2) calendar years. These special circumstances will be reviewed, and exceptions approved by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion on a case-by-case basis. A decision by the Board pursuant to this subsection shall be binding upon the Board and the Applicant/Candidate and shall not be subject to appeal or further consideration.

“Pending Approval” Requests

Residents and fellows may request the Board review their applications before they have completed certain requirements; for example, a resident may request a pending approval if he or she will complete the program off-cycle (after June 30 but before the certification exam is administered in October). Another common example is a resident who has applied for a full state medical license but has not yet received it.

Requesting a pending approval

1. A resident or fellow may request a pending approval by submitting an application anytime during the application cycle of the year they plan to complete their program.
2. If the resident or fellow applies before the completion of their program, the program director will receive an interim verification form when ABPM receives the application. The program director will attest that the applicant is in good standing and on track to complete their program on the specified date.
3. The program director will receive a final verification form to be completed on or after the date that the resident or fellow completes their program.
4. The Board reviews all requests for pending approval. If granted, the resident/fellow will be able to register for the exam. Exam results will be held by the Board until all pending requirements are met and ABPM has received all required documentation.

Note: A request for a pending approval and the Board’s consideration of a pending approval request does not guarantee approval of the application.

Initial Certification Exams

General Exam Information

All exam questions are multiple-choice; examinees should choose the single best answer from among four or five possible responses.

Examinees will have access to a calculator, a drug name list, and normal range values during the exam.

Exams do NOT include true/false items, K-type questions, trick questions, or “experimental” questions.

For more information about the initial certification exams, please see the ABPM website at <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/exam-content/>. ABPM has answered several frequently asked questions about the exam: find them at <https://support.theabpm.org/hc/en-us/sections/28440398209179-Certification-Exams>.

Exam Format

	Specialties†	Addiction Medicine	Clinical Informatics	Health Care Administration, Leadership, & Management	Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine
<i>Number of Questions</i>	200	200	200	180	150
<i>Exam Length</i>	4.5 hours*	4.5 hours*	4.5 hours*	4.5 hours, including 3 15-minute breaks, survey and tutorial	3.5 hours*

*Includes a 15-minute tutorial and one 15-minute break.

†Includes Aerospace Medicine, Occupational & Environmental Medicine, Public Health & General Preventive Medicine

Content Outlines

You can find content outlines for each of the exams on the ABPM website using the links below.

Specialties

- Core (included in each of the specialty certification exams) <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/exam-content/preventive-medicine-core-content-outline/>
- Aerospace Medicine <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/exam-content/aerospace-medicine-content-outline/>
- Occupational and Environmental Medicine <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/exam-content/occupational-medicine-content-outline/>
- Public Health and General Preventive Medicine <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/exam-content/public-health-and-general-preventive-medicine-content-outline/>

Subspecialties

- Addiction Medicine <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/exam-content/addiction-medicine-content-outline/>
- Clinical Informatics <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/exam-content/clinical-informatics-content-outline/>
- Health Care Administration, Leadership, and Management <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/exam-content/halm-content-outline/>
- Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/exam-content/undersea-and-hyperbaric-medicine-content-outline/>

Important Dates

Updated deadlines for the current year's application and exam cycle are posted at <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/dates-fees/>.

2026 Application and Exam Dates and Deadlines

- March 11 through June 30, 2026
 - ABPM accepts applications for its 2026 certification exams: Aerospace Medicine; Occupational & Environmental Medicine; Public Health & General Preventive Medicine; Addiction Medicine; Clinical Informatics; Health Care Administration, Leadership and Management (HALM).
- May 20 – September 11, 2026
 - Registration open for all 2026 certification exams
- July 1-15, 2026
 - Late application period; additional fee applies. ABPM is unable to accept applications submitted after July 15.
- July 15, 2026
 - Final day to request and submit supporting documentation for testing accommodations
- July 31, 2026
 - Last day to submit supporting documentation for the application
- Sept. 11, 2026
 - Last day to register and pay for all 2026 initial certification exams, except the Health Care Administration, Leadership, and Management (HALM) certification exam

- Sept. 25, 2026
 - Last day to withdraw from the exam and receive a refund (less an administrative fee) for all certification exams, including the HALM exam

- Oct. 12 – Nov. 1, 2026
 - ABPM administers certifications exams in Aerospace Medicine, Occupational & Environmental Medicine, Public Health & General Preventive Medicine, Addiction Medicine and Clinical Informatics at Pearson Vue Testing Centers.

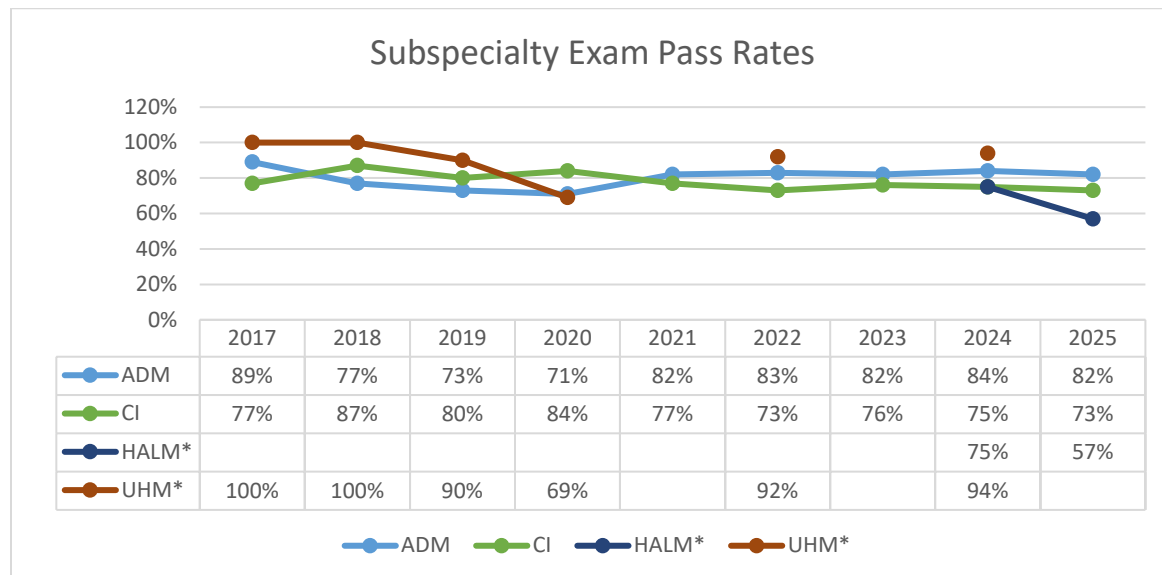
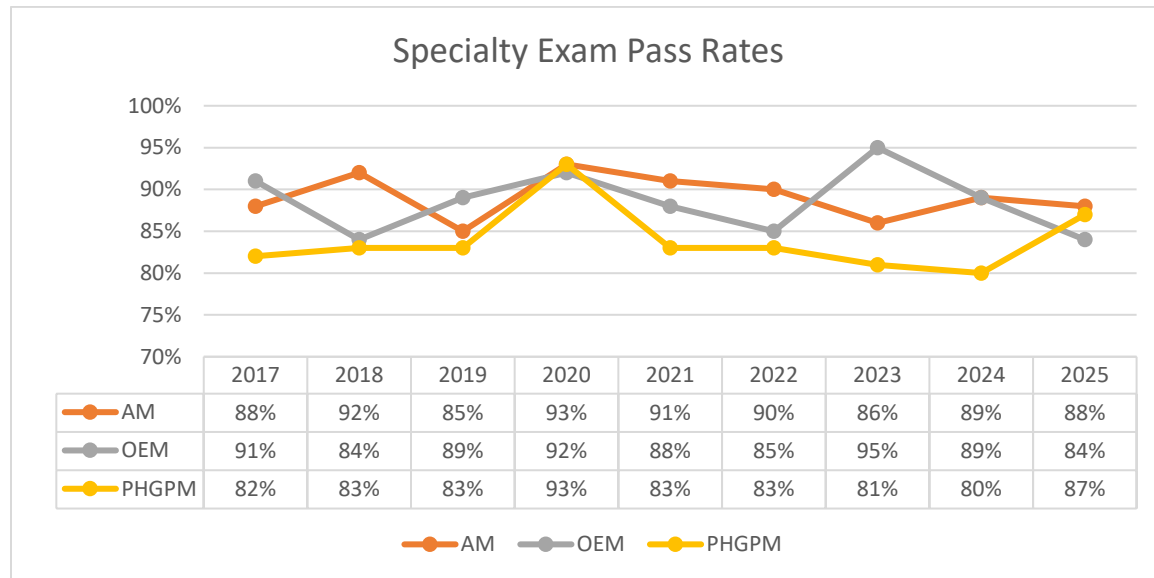
- Oct. 16, 2026
 - Last day to register and pay for the 2026 HALM certification exam

- Nov. 9-23, 2026
 - ABEM administers the HALM certification exam.

Pass Rates

Pass rates are available for the previous four years for each of the specialty and subspecialty certification exams. Find them at <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/exam-pass-rates/>.

Find quartile rankings for each 2025 certification exam listed in [Appendix C](#).



**The UHM certification exam was offered every year through 2020 and in even-numbered years only thereafter. The HALM exam was offered in 2024, 2025, and will be offered in even-numbered years only thereafter.*

Registration and Scheduling

To learn about registering for and scheduling exams, please see the ABPM website at <https://www.theabpm.org/become-certified/exam-registration/>.

Continuing Certification Program (CCP)

ABPM developed the CCP in compliance with the new Standards for Continuing Certification mandated by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and in response to feedback from ABPM diplomates, who wanted a simpler but more meaningful program, and who overwhelmingly preferred an innovated alternative to the traditional high-stakes, point-in-time Maintenance of Certification (MOC) exam.







Find your specific CCP requirements online by logging into [ABPM's Physician Portal](#).

Three Phases of CCP

To ensure a smooth transition to the CCP, ABPM is introducing the new program in three separate and distinct phases.



Phase 1: 2023-2024

Requirement	2023	2024
Professionalism & Licensure		
Maintain a full, valid, and unrestricted license in every US state/territory or Canadian province where you practice medicine.		
Annual Fee		
Pay the annual fee using the ABPM's online physician portal.		
Lifelong Professional Development		
Earn 20 <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credits</i> [™] annually. Six CME credits must be relevant to your ABPM certificate(s). Diplomates will choose for themselves which CME courses are relevant to the ABPM specialties or subspecialties in which they are certified.		
Longitudinal Assessment Program (LAP)	Not required.	Not required.
Answer 30 certificate-specific questions (per ABPM certificate) annually		
Improving Health & Health Care (IHHC)	Not required.	Not required.
Complete an activity designed to improve practice		

Phase 2: 2025-2029

Requirement	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<p>Professionalism & Licensure</p> <p>Maintain a full, valid, and unrestricted license in every US state/territory or Canadian province where you practice medicine.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Annual Fee</p> <p>Pay the annual fee using the ABPM's online physician portal.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Lifelong Professional Development</p> <p>Earn 20 <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credits</i>[™] annually. Six CME credits must be relevant to your ABPM certificate(s). Diplomates will choose for themselves which CME courses are relevant to the ABPM specialties or subspecialties in which they are certified.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>Longitudinal Assessment Program (LAP)</p> <p>Answer 30 certificate-specific questions (per ABPM certificate) annually.</p>	Participation-only standard: Diplomates must answer all 30 questions in "good faith" each year.				
<p>Improving Health & Health Care (IHHC)</p> <p>Complete an activity designed to improve practice.</p>	Not required.				

Phase 2 of the transition began in January 2025 and will continue through December 2029.

During Phase 2 ABPM diplomates will complete the same requirements as during Phase 1:

1. Maintain a full, unrestricted medical license in the US or Canada;
2. Pay the ABPM's annual fee; and
3. Attest to earning 20 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™] annually, six of which must be relevant to the diplomate's ABPM certification(s).

In addition, to the above requirements, ABPM diplomates will also participate in the expanded Longitudinal Assessment Program (LAP) pilot. The LAP is an open-resource assessment that includes 30 questions annually, designed to be an innovative replacement for the traditional, high-stakes, point-in-time MOC exam.

Longitudinal Assessment Program (LAP) Transition Plan (January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029)

Beginning on January 1, 2025, all time-limited diplomates, except those certified in Health Care Administration, Leadership, and Management (HALM), are required to participate in the LAP. HALM diplomates will begin participating in the HALM LAP in 2027.

LAP participation includes answering 30 certificate-specific questions annually. Diplomates who are certified in multiple ABPM specialties or subspecialties will need to answer 30 certificate-specific questions for each of the ABPM certifications they currently hold.

Diplomates may consult textbooks and other resources during the assessment, consistent with how physicians practice medicine in today's environment.

While ABPM will not require diplomates to achieve a specific minimum score to pass during Phase 2, all current diplomates are expected to participate in "good faith." This means that they must answer all 30 questions for their specialty(ies) annually and their performance must be better than chance (i.e., they must answer more than 25% of questions correctly each year).

After opening a question, a Diplomate must answer the question. Closing the question/browser window prior to submitting an answer will result in the response being marked as incorrect. The online LAP platform will time out after a question has been open

for 60 minutes; the ABPM advises answering each question within that timeframe to avoid having the question marked as incorrect.

LAP Content

In the fourth quarter of each year, ABPM will publish content areas that will be covered in the following year's LAP for each specialty and subspecialty.

2026 LAP Content

- Aerospace Medicine: <https://www.theabpm.org/continuing-certification-program-ccp/aerospace-medicine-longitudinal-assessment-program-lap/>
- Occupational and Environmental Medicine: <https://www.theabpm.org/continuing-certification-program-ccp/occupational-and-environmental-medicine-longitudinal-assessment-program-lap/>
- Public Health and General Preventive Medicine: <https://www.theabpm.org/continuing-certification-program-ccp/public-health-and-general-preventive-medicine-longitudinal-assessment-program-lap/>
- Addiction Medicine: <https://www.theabpm.org/continuing-certification-program-ccp/addiction-medicine-longitudinal-assessment-program-lap/>
- Clinical Informatics: <https://www.theabpm.org/continuing-certification-program-ccp/clinical-informatics-longitudinal-assessment-program-lap/>
- Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine: <https://www.theabpm.org/continuing-certification-program-ccp/undersea-and-hyperbaric-medicine-longitudinal-assessment-program-lap/>

Phase 3: 2030 and beyond

Requirement	2030-2039
<p>Professionalism & Licensure</p> <p>Maintain a full, valid, and unrestricted license in every US state/territory or Canadian province where you practice medicine.</p>	Annually
<p>Annual Fee</p> <p>Pay the annual fee using the ABPM's online physician portal.</p>	Annually
<p>Lifelong Professional Development</p> <p>Earn 20 <i>AMA PRA Category 1 Credits</i>[™] annually. Six CME credits must be relevant to your ABPM certificate(s). Diplomates will choose for themselves which CME courses are relevant to the ABPM specialties or subspecialties in which they are certified.</p>	Annually
<p>Longitudinal Assessment Program (LAP)</p> <p>Answer 30 certificate-specific questions (per ABPM certificate) annually.</p>	Achieve the minimum passing score in four of five yearly LAP administrations.
<p>Improving Health & Health Care (IHHC)</p> <p>Complete an activity designed to improve practice.</p>	Complete one IHHC activity every five years.

Finally, in January 2030, ABPM will launch Phase 3 that will include all the elements of both Phase 1 and Phase 2 as well as an Improvement in Health and Healthcare component, the details of which are in development and will be shared once they have been finalized.

Additionally, during Phase 2 ABPM will conduct industry-standard psychometric analysis for the LAP. Beginning in 2030, ABPM will determine a minimum passing score (MPS) each year; diplomates who achieve the MPS will pass that year's LAP. Diplomates who fail to

meet the MPS in four of the five LAP administrations during Phase 3 will be required to participate in a remediation activity. ABPM will share more information about remediation as it becomes available.

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Other Communication Channels

LinkedIn Company Page

Follow us for the latest news and announcements at

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/american-board-of-preventive-medicine/>.

Quarterly Email Newsletter

The newsletter is emailed to diplomates and other stakeholders four times each year: January, April, July, and October. ABPM shares announcements, reminders, profiles of ABPM Directors and other diplomates, and news from our specialty societies.

If you don't already receive the newsletter, sign up at

<https://mailchi.mp/theabpm/newsletter>.

Annual Report

ABPM began issuing its Annual Report in 2023. You can find ABPM's current and previous annual reports at <https://www.theabpm.org/about-us/annual-report/>.

Resident & Fellowship Director Resources

Combined Training Programs and Integrated Training Experiences

ABPM offers two training options for physicians who plan to become certified in an ABPM specialty or subspecialty in addition to another ABMS specialty: Integrated Training Experiences (ITEs) and Combined Programs.

Approval by both the ABPM and the other relevant ABMS member board is required *prior* to a physician entering either type of training.

ABPM ITE AND COMBINED PROGRAM GUIDE

Having trouble deciding if your experience fits into an ITE or Combined Program?
Use the chart below to help you determine the appropriate path forward.

Integrated Training Experience

- Uses research or electives from one program to "jumpstart" into another program.
- The ABPM-sponsored Specialty or Subspecialty cannot be truncated or otherwise shortened.
- Programs must seek approval for each individual physician.
- ABPM requires annual review to monitor applicant status.
- Rotations in the ABPM-sponsored Specialty or Subspecialty cannot differ from those in the ACGME-accredited program.


Combined Program

- Some curriculum overlaps between the two Specialties and/or Subspecialties.
- Reduces training time by eliminating duplicate educational components.
- ABPM reviews Combined Programs as a whole.
- ABPM requires engagement every five years to monitor the use of the Combined Program, status of exam take rates, and exam results.
- Approved programs can continue accepting new learners, so long as there are no major revisions to the approved program structure.

Programs must be ACGME-accredited.

Programs must request approval at least 60 days prior to the expected ABPM start date.

Programs must submit a letter of approval from the other ABMS Board being included.



Please reach out to ABPM Staff for additional information regarding Integrated Training Experiences and Combined Programs at abpm@theabpm.org. Visit our website to access application materials and guidelines at <https://www.theabpm.org/for-program-directors/combined-training-programs/>.

Combined Programs

Definition

Combined training programs allow a resident/fellow to complete training in more than one specialty or subspecialty. Combined programs reduce training time by allowing educational components required for each residency/fellowship program, which would otherwise be duplicated if completed separately, to be completed once and applied to both programs.

Approval

ABPM may approve and oversee combined residency and fellowship programs with other ABMS member boards. Combined training programs are governed by the involved member boards.

Proposals for a combined training program must be submitted to both the ABPM and the other involved ABMS member board for approval *before* a physician can be accepted into a combined training program.

Each residency or fellowship in a combined training program must be independently accredited by the relevant ACGME Review Committees.

The approval of the combined training program will become effective as of the date the second ABMS member board approved the program. The approval will be for a period of five years from the beginning date of the first class of the combined training program.

Training programs may request approval of a combined program as a whole. It is not necessary to seek approval for each individual physician who participates in a combined program.

Please use the Combined Program Application, [available here](#), to propose a combined program. The application was updated in 2024; please replace any previous versions you may have with the updated application form.

Integrated Training Experiences

Definition

An Integrated Training Experience (ITE) is a dual-training program that allows an individual resident or fellow to complete their training in two residencies, two fellowships, or a residency and a fellowship simultaneously. ITEs do not truncate or reduce training time in an ABPM specialty or subspecialty.

The ITE must meet ABPM-sponsored residency/fellowship requirements; individuals who complete an ITE must meet the training requirements to be eligible for the initial certification exam in the relevant ABPM specialty or subspecialty.

Guidelines

Proposals for an ITE must be submitted to ABPM at least 60 days prior to the date the physician plans to begin the program. Please note that the ITE must be approved by both the ABPM and the other ABMS member board *before* a physician can be accepted into and/or begin the proposed ITE. Any ITE proposal submitted after the physician has already started the training in the proposed ITE will not be reviewed by the ABPM and, instead, will be summarily denied in writing with copy to both the training program and the other ABMS member board.

Please note that while ABPM requires submission of the ITE only 60 days prior to the beginning of training, each ABMS member board has its own deadline for submitting ITE applications for review. Certain ABMS member boards require submission six months or more before the trainee is scheduled to start their portion of the ITE program and, therefore, you are strongly encouraged to check with the appropriate ABMS member board for their specific submission deadline to ensure that your ITE application is submitted to them in a timely manner per their ITE policies.

Any block diagram submitted in support of an ITE proposal must be in a format that is materially consistent with the then-current version of the ACGME sample block diagram.

Prior to submitting an ITE proposal, please review all of [ABPM's Guidelines for ITEs](#).

These guidelines are intended to assist the ABPM Board of Directors in its determination of whether to approve an ITE request. However, while these guidelines set out a framework for consideration by the Board of Directors, each ITE request shall be considered individually and no prior approval or denial will be precedential as to any future approval/denial.

As used in these guidelines, “must” and “shall” are intended to describe mandatory requirements. “Should” is not mandatory but is used when providing guidance about what may be considered in the interest of providing appropriate responses to each individual ITE request.

- Programs requesting an ITE must confirm that the residencies and fellowships that the ABPM-sponsored specialty or subspecialty shall not be truncated or otherwise shortened as part of the ITE program.
- The ITE program experience must run concurrently.
- The proposed ITE request must confirm that the requesting entity has an ACGME-accredited fellowship and/or residency in the specialty or subspecialty for which ABPM certification is being sought and provide the ACGME program number.
- At least one of the program directors of a proposed ITE must be certified by either the ABPM or the co-sponsoring ABMS member board for the specialty/subspecialty in which certification is being sought.
- Program requests must include a clearly described written curriculum for the specialty or subspecialty for which ABPM certification is being sought. The curriculum must assure a cohesive, planned, educational experience, and not simply comprise a series of rotations between the two specialties/subspecialties. The request must list all the educational requirements of the categorical standard ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship requirements for the specialty or subspecialty for which ITE approval is being sought. By way of example and not limitation, the ITE request for a Clinical Informatics and Pulmonary Critical Care program should compare the ITE rotations and requirements to the standard ACGME-accredited two-year Clinical Informatics fellowship.
- Any block diagram submitted in support of a proposed ITE must be in a format that is materially consistent with the then-current version of the ACGME sample block diagram.
- The ITE request must also list all the educational requirements of ITE program which will be used to meet the ABPM initial certification requirements for the specialty or subspecialty for which certification is being sought.

- The ITE request must explain any gaps or differences in the requirements for the ITE program and the categorical or stand-alone ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship program.
- If new rotations for the ABPM initial certification requirements are being offered during the ITE that are not used for the categorical ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship, then the requesting entity must describe in sufficient detail how the new rotations meet the core competencies and training experiences of the stand-alone ACGME-accredited residency or fellowship program.
- Requests for changes to the rotations within the Preventive Medicine residency/fellowship must be submitted to ABPM for approval. Changes that are limited to timing (i.e., PGY2 to PGY3) and that do not decrease the number of Preventive Medicine residency/fellowship rotations do not require prior approval.
- The curricular components of an ITE must conform to the program requirements for accreditation in the ABPM specialty or subspecialty for which certification is being sought.
- Proposals for an ITE must be submitted to ABPM as well as the other ABMS member board at least 60 days prior to the date the candidate plans to begin the program. Additionally, and for the avoidance of doubt, the ITE **must** be approved by both ABPM and the other ABMS member board **before** a candidate can be accepted into and/or begin the proposed ITE. Any proposed ITEs that are submitted after the candidate has already started the training under the proposed ITE, will not be reviewed by the ABPM and, instead, will be summarily denied with a written denial sent to the program and to the other ABMS member board.
- The approval of an ITE will be effective as of the date the ITE request is approved by the second of the two Boards approving the ITE request and shall remain in effect until such time as the candidate completes the ITE, withdraws, or is otherwise deemed no longer participating in the ITE program.
- The sponsor of the ABPM specialty program shall include the expected dates of completion in the ITE request.
- ABPM will maintain a list of approved and denied ITEs with the name of the candidate and the expected date of completion. ABPM shall review the application records to determine if the candidate has registered for board certification for the

seven-year board eligibility period following successful completion of the ITE program. Reports to the Board will include statistics identifying the number of ITE graduates that seek board certification and the rate of success.

- ABPM will engage in annual reviews of the ITEs to monitor the status of the applicants.

Application/Approval

ABPM may approve and oversee ITEs with other ABMS member boards on terms and conditions to be agreed to by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

Please contact ABPM staff at abpm@theabpm.org for more information about seeking approval of an ITE.

Other Resources

ACGME Program Requirements and FAQs

Preventive Medicine (Aerospace Medicine; Occupational and Environmental Medicine; Public Health/General Preventive Medicine; Addiction Medicine; Clinical Informatics; and Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine, effective 7/1/2020).

<https://www.acgme.org/Specialties/Program-Requirements-and-FAQs-and-Applications/pfcatid/20/Preventive%20Medicine>

American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)

<https://www.abms.org/>

Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)

<https://www.fsmb.org/>

ABMS Certification Matters Physician Lookup

Find ABMS-certified physicians by name, specialty, and state using ABMS' Certification Matter website at <https://www.certificationmatters.org/find-my-doctor/>.

Appendix A: Application Direct Links

The 2026 application may be accessed directly using the links below.

Specialties

Aerospace Medicine

[Residency Pathway](#)

[Complementary Pathway](#)

[Special Pathway](#)

[IMG Pathway](#)

Occupational and Environmental Medicine

[Residency Pathway](#)

[Complementary Pathway](#)

[Special Pathway](#)

Public Health and General Preventive Medicine

[Residency Pathway](#)

[Complementary Pathway](#)

[Special Pathway](#)

Subspecialties

Addiction Medicine

[Fellowship Pathway](#)

Clinical Informatics

[Fellowship Pathway](#)

Health Care Administration, Leadership and Management (HALM)

[Fellowship Pathway](#)

[Practice Pathway](#) (open through 2030)

Appendix B: Health Care Administration, Leadership, and Management: Acceptable Leadership Experience and Responsibilities for Practice Pathway and Practice-Plus-Training Pathways

ABPM will require verification of leadership-administration experience by an individual who served as a direct supervisor to the position/role during the same time as the experience occurred (e.g., Chief Executive Officer verification for leadership-administration experience as a Chief Medical Officer). Such verification shall be determined by the ABPM in its sole and absolute discretion.

Leadership-Administration Position

Physicians must demonstrate that they hold or previously held a position for a minimum of 36 months (practice-only track) or 24 months (practice-plus-non-ACGME-accredited-training track) in which at least 50% of their time is/was devoted to managing administrative functions with high-level organizational impact in each of the following areas:

- Talent management
 - Oversight and management of physicians and other staff to include performance evaluations, compensation, hiring, and firing
- Data management
 - Utilization and analysis of data to drive value
- Fiscal responsibility
 - Oversight and management of budgets to impact revenue, costs, and profits

Examples of Organizational Impact

- Regular oversight of or participation in major negotiations with payers and/or industry to increase value and to include at-risk platforms.
- Oversight of designing, justifying, implementing, monitoring, and measuring large-scale process improvements.
- Oversight of organizational demand and capacity assessments with management of results to positively impact access, affordability, and satisfaction for patients.
- Medically leading organizations through regulatory, accreditation or certification processes such as Joint Commission, ACGME, etc.
- Oversight in an academic setting that improves learning and research.
- Oversight of processes to assess and improve professionalism and organizational culture.

ABPM reserves the right to request a copy of a job description, organizational chart, and/or CV/resume to provide clarifying information for any application.

By way of example and not limitation, administrative positions that may be considered eligible provided that the position meets the functional responsibility noted above could include:

- Designated Institutional Official
- Chief Medical Officer
- Chief Clinical Officer (role includes nursing and other clinical services)
- Chief Executive Officer
- Vice President Medical Affairs
- Vice President Human Resources

- Chief Quality Officer
- Chief/Vice President Quality and/or Patient Safety
- Chief Operating Officer
- Chief Compliance Officer
- Chief Informatics (Information) Officer or Chief Medical/Clinical Information Officer
- Chief Clinical Transformation Officer
- Chief Learning or Education Officer
- Vice President Resource Stewardship
- Chief Clinical Integration (Network) Officer (population health)
- Chief Health Equity Officer
- Dean or Senior Associate Dean
- Clinical Research Officer Director
- City/County/State Public Health Commissioner (Deputy Commissioner)/Director/Duty Officer
- Regional Medical Director (e.g., single specialty, multiple specialty, multi-state)
- Government Agency Healthcare Executive Director/Medical Director

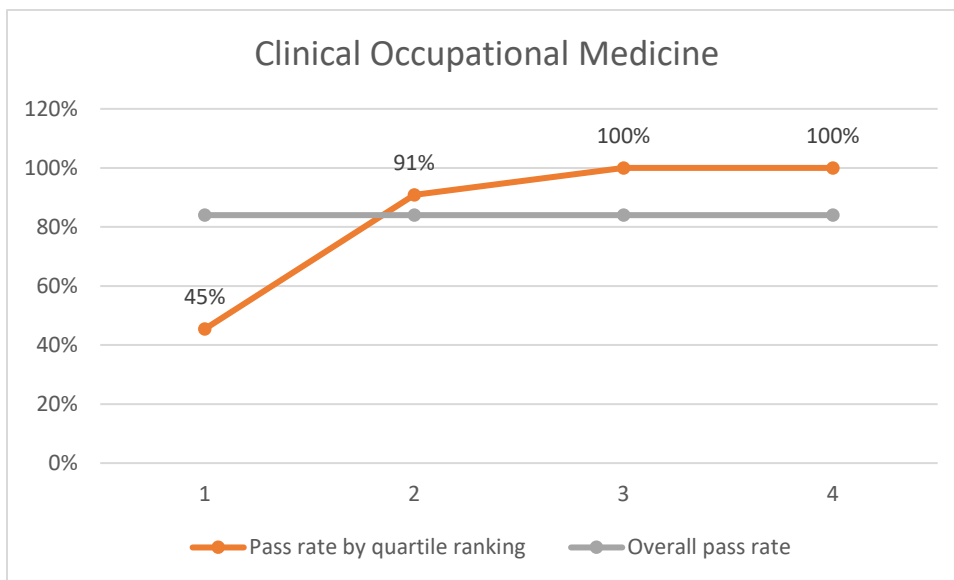
Appendix C: 2025 Exam Quartile Rankings

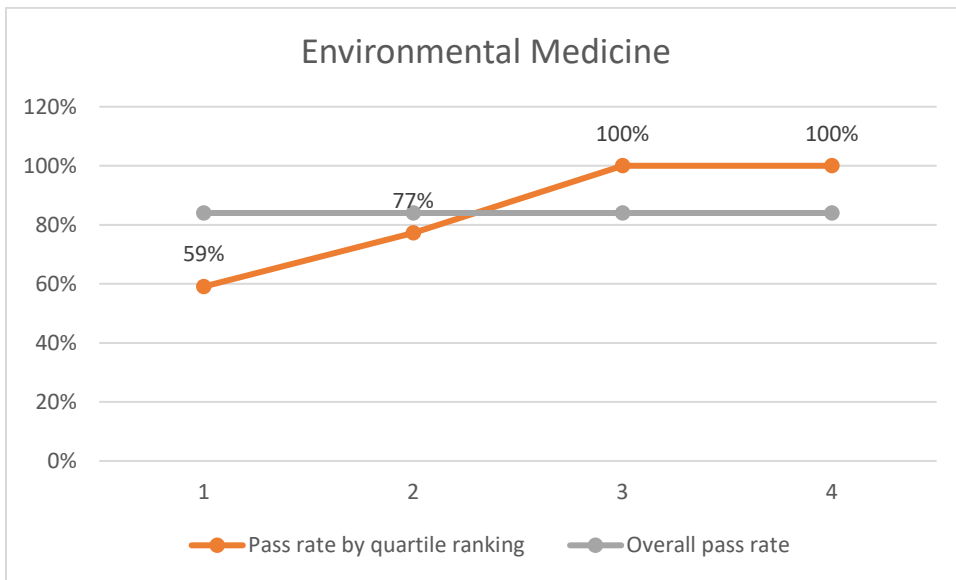
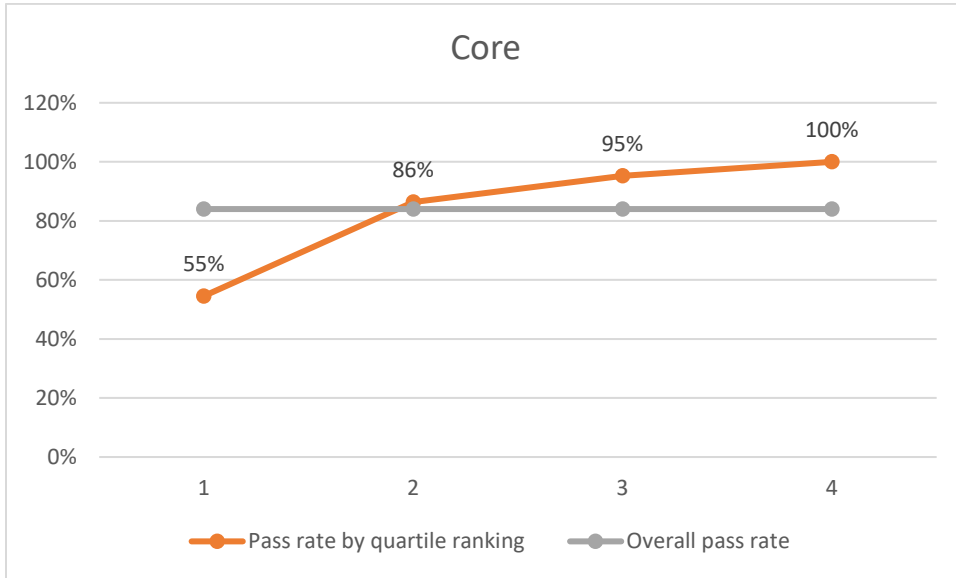
Quartile rankings for the 2025 Aerospace Medicine and Health Care Administration, Leadership and Management exams are not available because there were too few examinees.

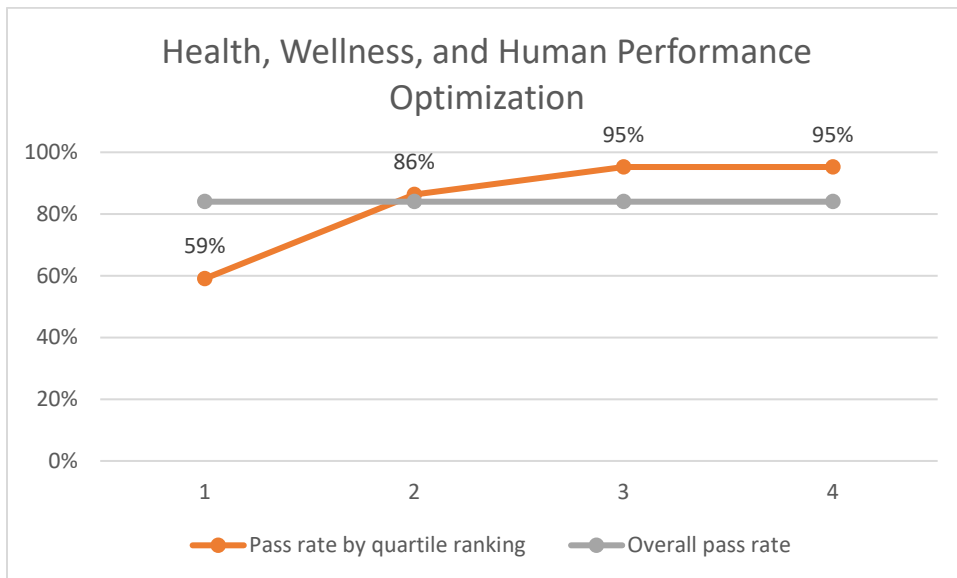
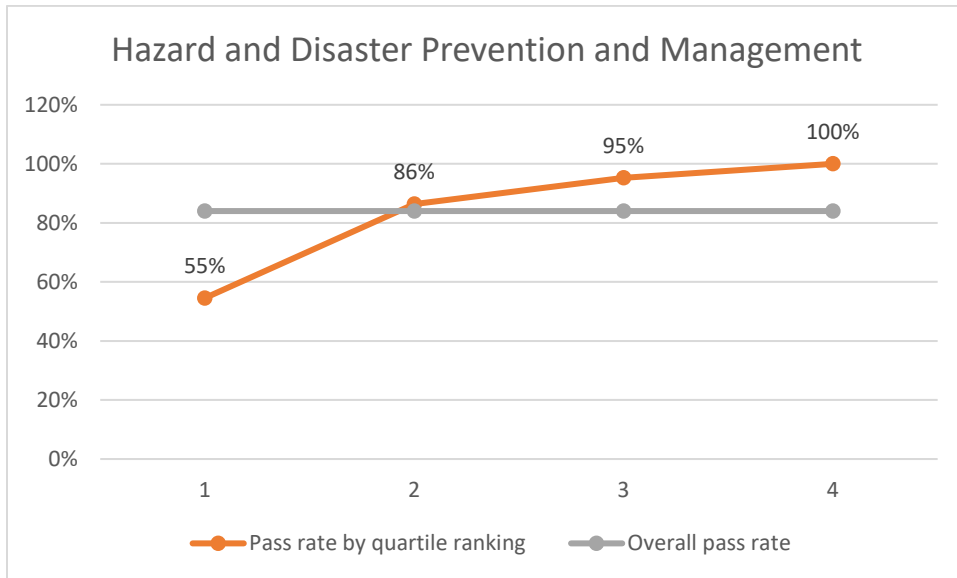
The following graphs show pass rate percentages for those scoring in each quartile for each content area compared with the overall pass rate for each exam. For example, for the Occupational and Environmental Medicine certification exam, 91% of those scoring in the 2nd quartile in the Clinical Occupational Medicine section passed the exam. The first quartile includes the lowest scores; the fourth quartile includes the highest scores.

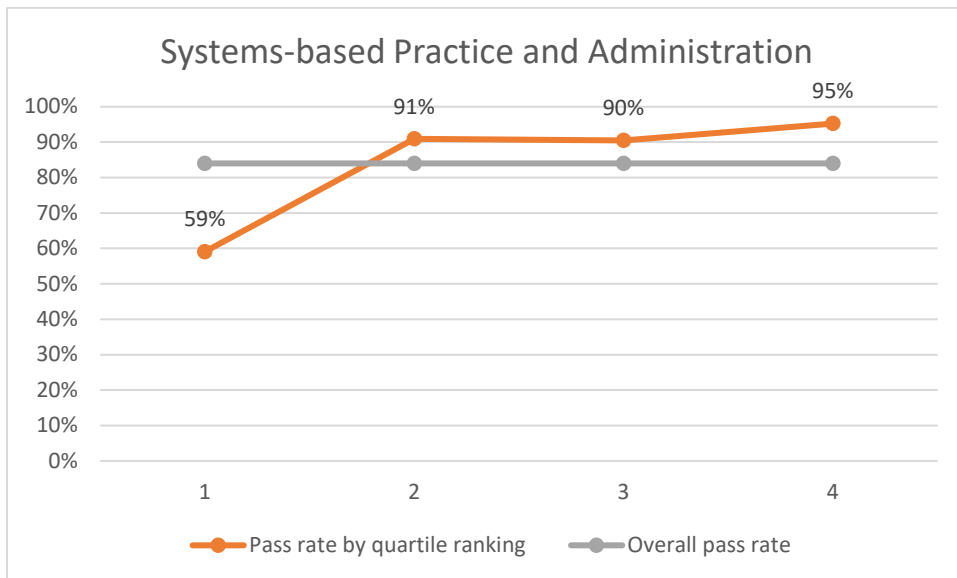
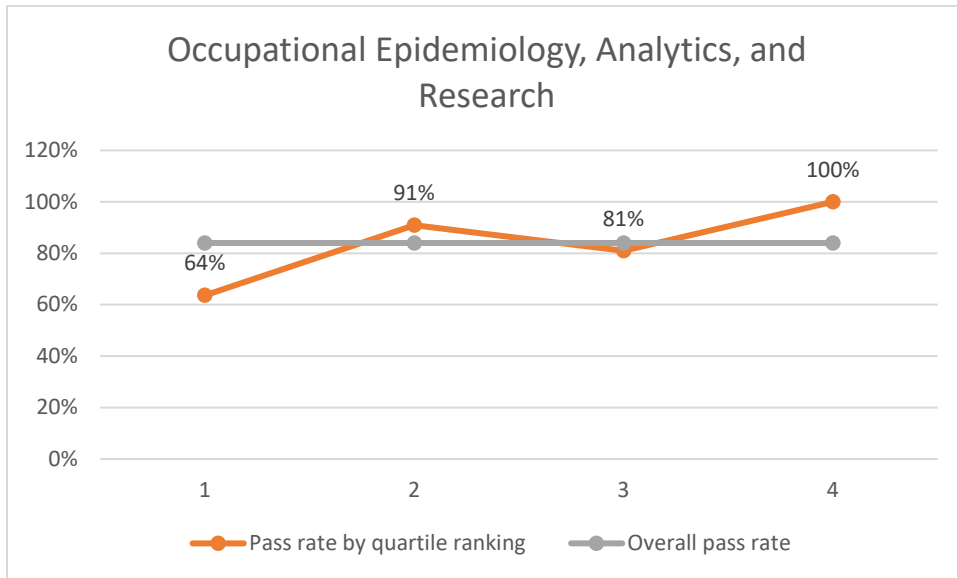
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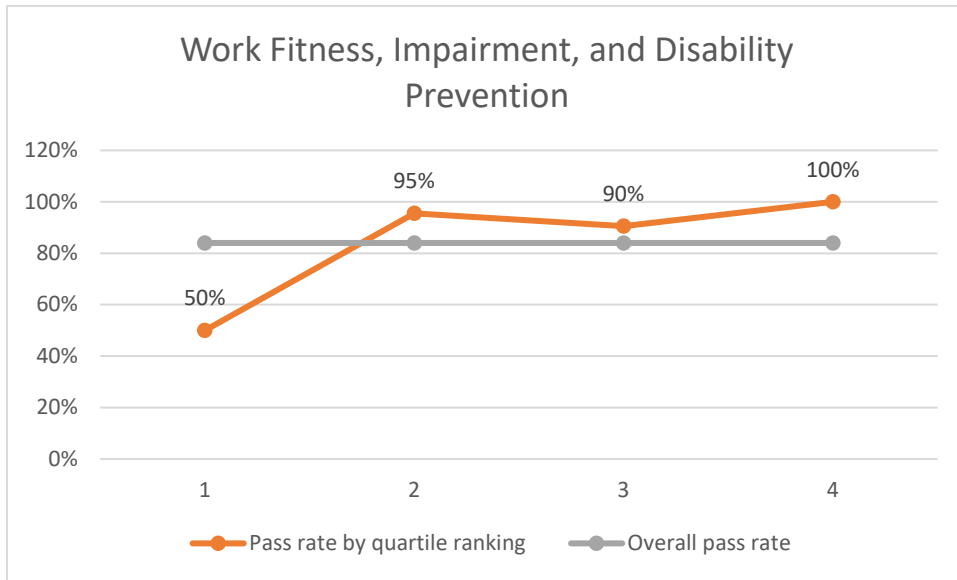
The overall pass rate for the 2025 Occupational and Environmental Medicine certification exam was 84%.





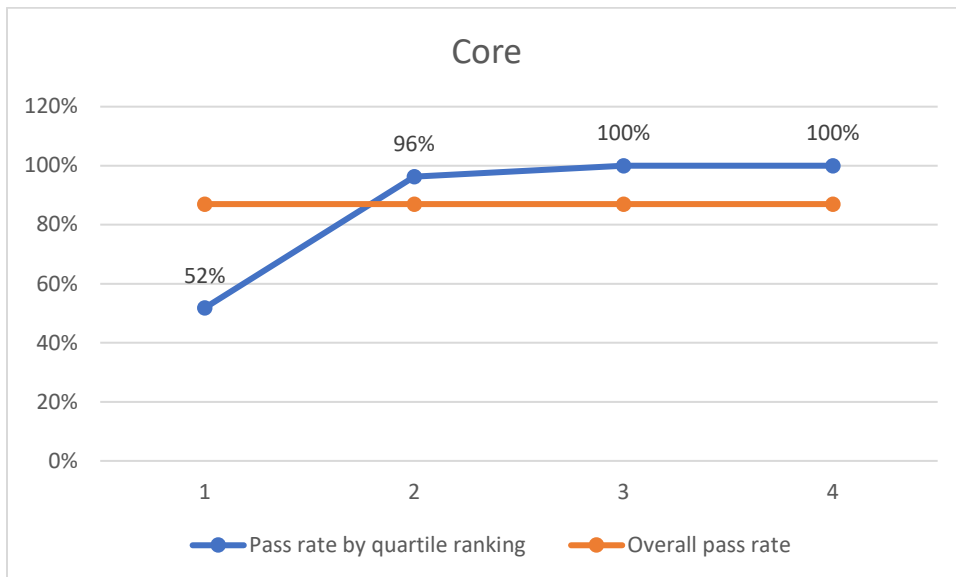
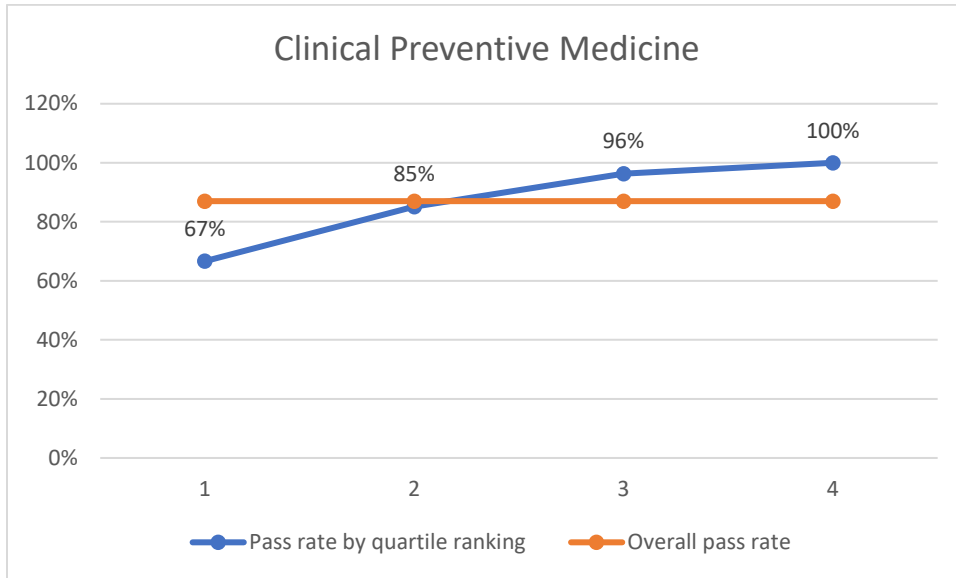


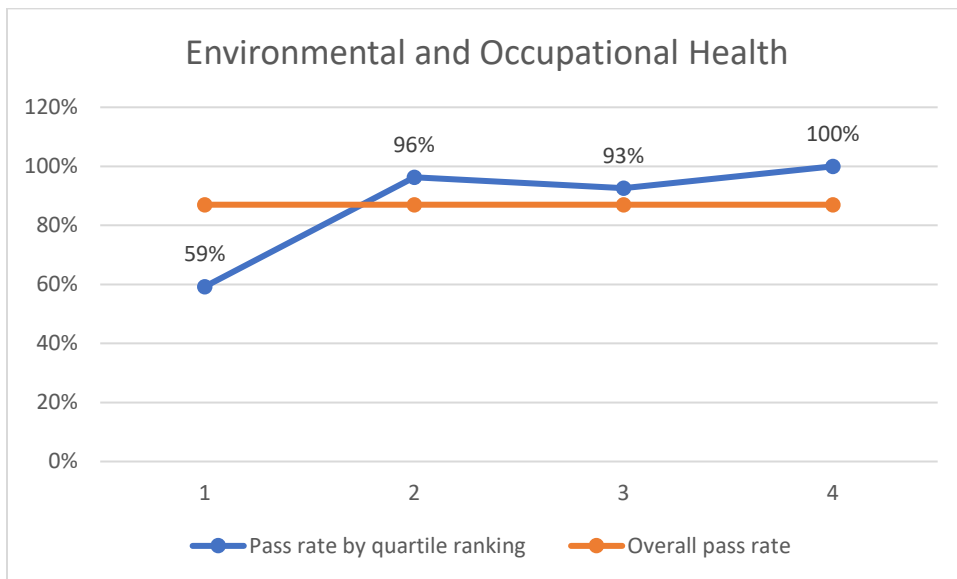
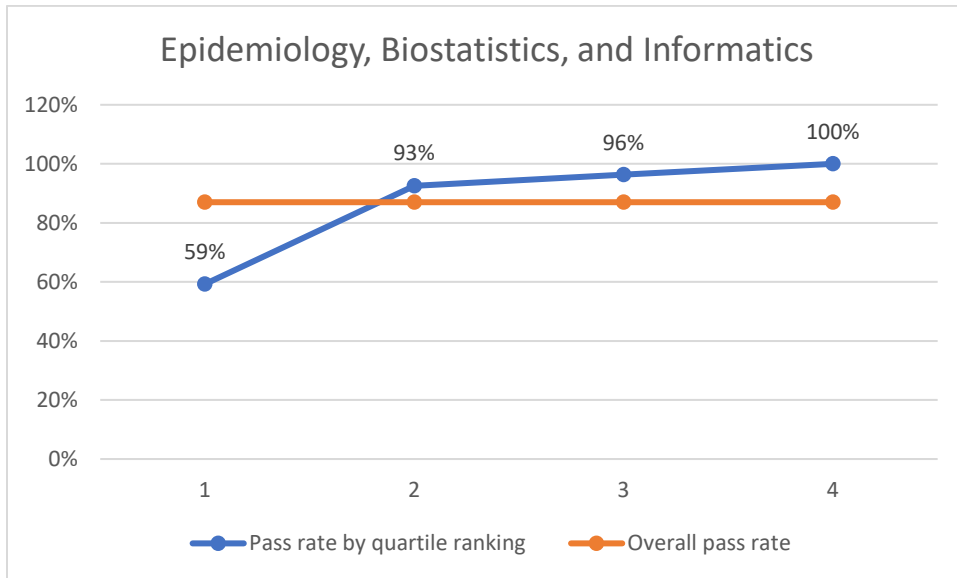


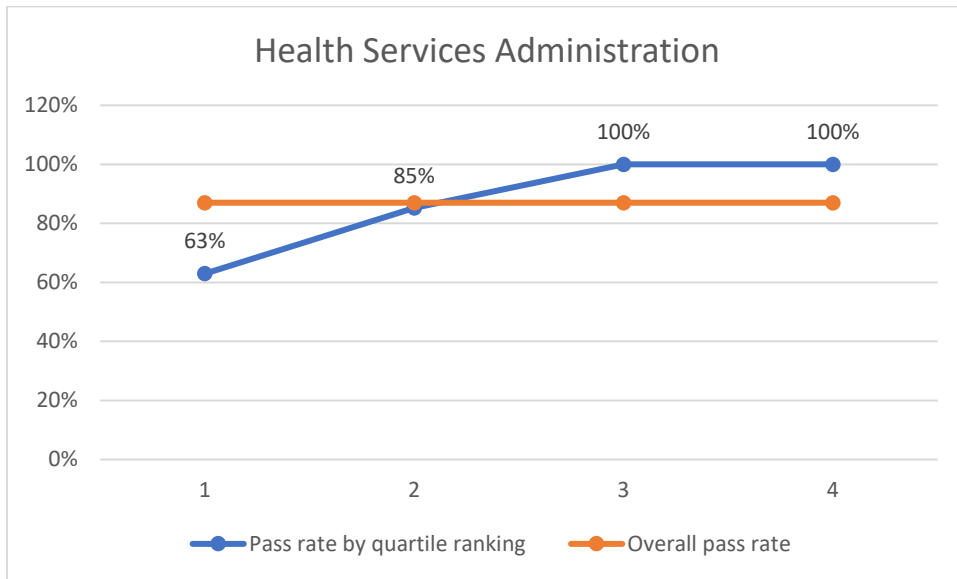
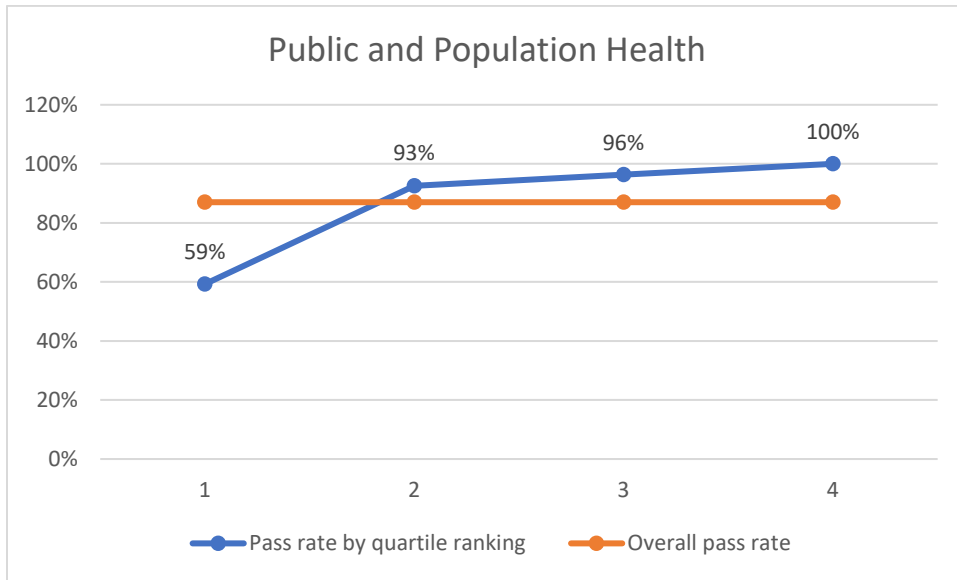


Public Health and General Preventive Medicine

The overall pass rate for the 2025 Public Health and General Preventive Medicine certification exam was 87%.

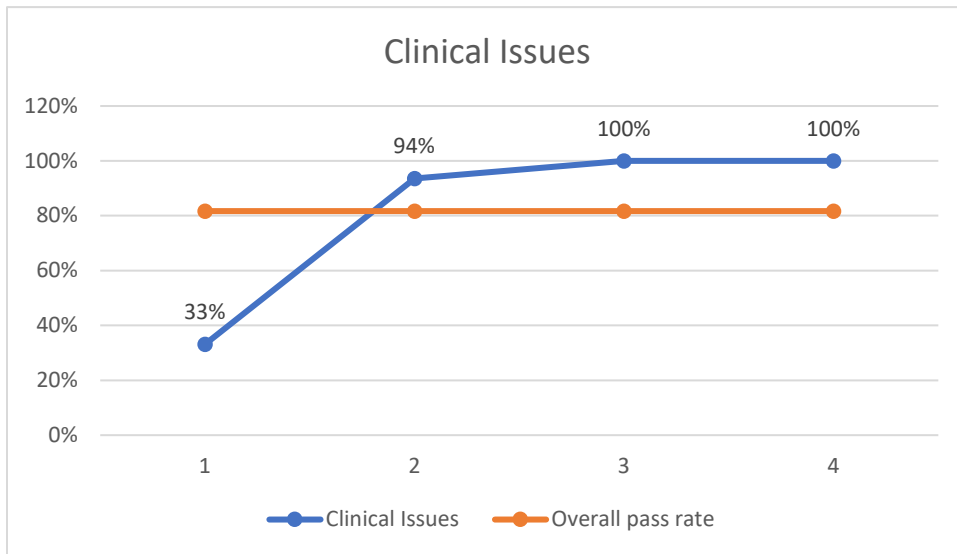
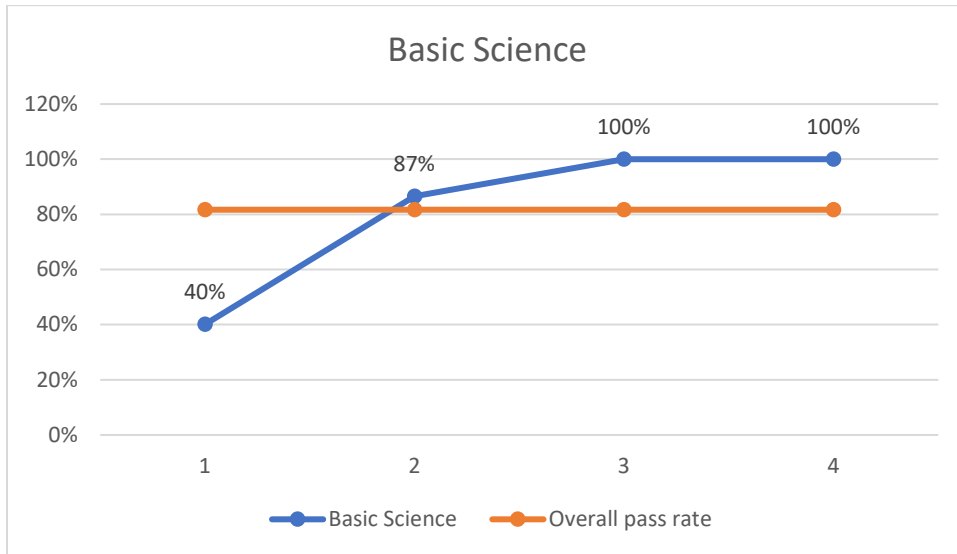


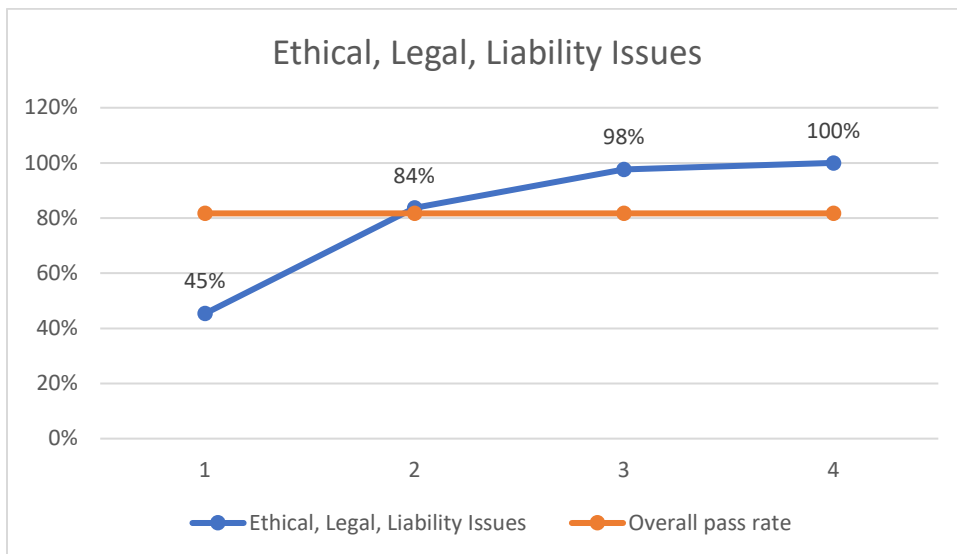
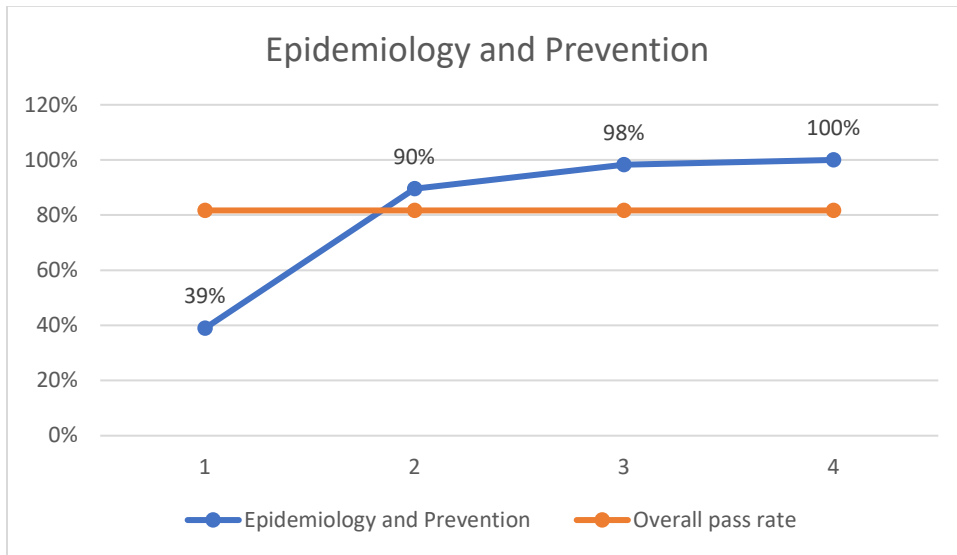




Addiction Medicine

The overall pass rate for the 2025 Addiction Medicine certification exam was 82%.





Clinical Informatics

The overall pass rate for the 2025 Clinical Informatics certification exam was 73%.

