



American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.

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Combined Continuing Certification (CC) Examinations

Combined Continuing Certification (CC), formerly known as Maintenance of Certification (MOC), examinations are available for physicians who wish to recertify in more than one specialty and/or subspecialty at the same time. The examinations are comprised of either two or three modules, each module consisting of either a specialty or subspecialty, with 100 multiple choice questions per module. The examinations are administered annually via computer at Pearson VUE testing centers. The modules of a combined examination are derived from specialty or subspecialty CC examinations administered by the ABPN. Subspecialty CC examinations administered by other ABMS Boards (brain injury medicine, pain medicine, and sleep medicine) are not available as CC combined examinations.

General Requirements for Combined Continuing Certification (CC) Examination Applicants

To qualify to sit for the combined CC examinations, an applicant must:

- 1) Adhere to and follow all Board Policies as described in the [ABPN Board Policies](#).
- 2) Be Board certified currently or at one time have been Board certified in the specialty(ies) and/or subspecialty(ies). If the combined examination consists of one, two or three specialties and/or subspecialties, the candidate must currently or at one time have been Board certified in all of those specialties and/or subspecialties. See the combined exam [Information for Applicants document](#) for more information.
- 3) Fulfill CC program requirements as described in the [Information for Applicants document](#).
- 4) Submit an online application through ABPN Physician Portal at www.abpn.org/physicianportal.

Combined CC Examination Format and Content

Examinations must be comprised of two or three modules in any of the following combinations:

- Two specialties, i.e., Neurology CC and Psychiatry CC, or Neurology CC and Child Neurology CC;
- One specialty and one subspecialty, i.e., Neurology CC and Clinical Neurophysiology CC;
- One specialty and two subspecialties, i.e., Psychiatry CC/MOC and Addiction Psychiatry CC, and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry CC;
- Two subspecialties, i.e., Addiction Psychiatry CC and Forensic Psychiatry CC;
- Three subspecialties, i.e., Addiction Psychiatry CC, Forensic Psychiatry CC, and Geriatric Psychiatry CC.

Downloadable pdf files of content specifications and format and scoring documents for the CC examinations are available on the ABPN website, www.abpn.org. The Board recommends that examinees use these and the following resources for test preparation: peer-reviewed journals, current monographs and textbooks, review publications, practice guidelines, accredited CME programs, and attendance at professional meetings. An acceptable level of performance must be achieved on the overall score to pass the examination.

Recognition of Successful Diplomates

A passing score on the combined examination extends the renewal date for all certificates tested on the examination and enrolls the Diplomate in the Continuing Certification (CC) program.

Examination Applications

For more information, visit the ABPN [Exam Schedule](#).

Email questions@abpn.org with any questions about Continuing Certification combined examination format.