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2026 Deadlines Approaching for Continuing Certification (CC)

Don't delay finishing CC activities and article exams. If you are enrolled in the Article-Based CC (ABCC) Pathway in the 2024-2026 three-year block, you must successfully complete article exams by **December 31, 2026**, to have them count in lieu of your next scheduled CC examination.

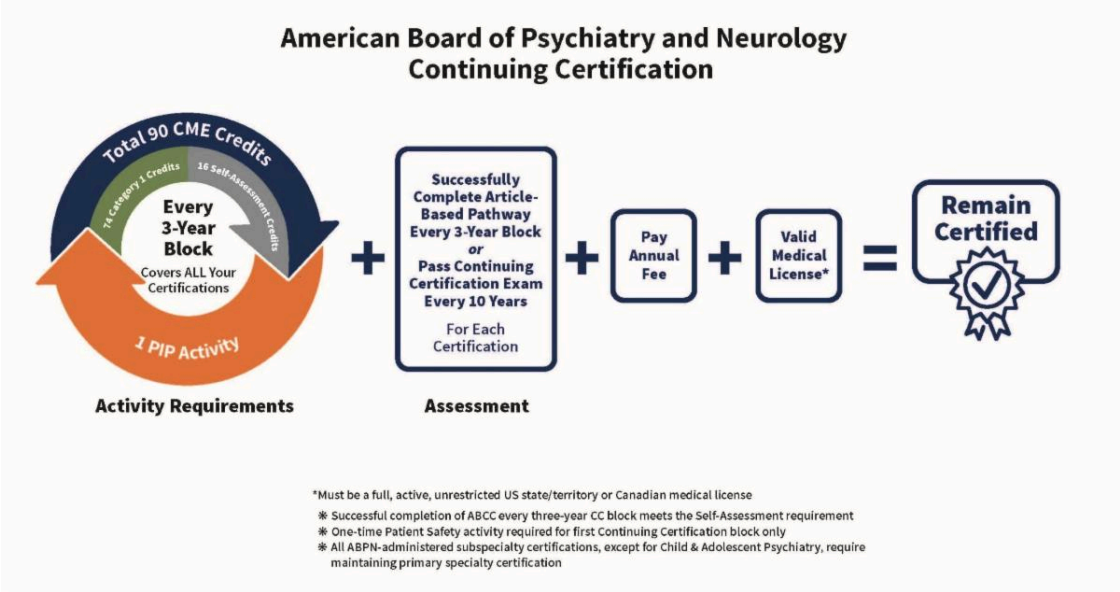


Check your Physician Portal for deadlines and outstanding CC Program requirements, and complete all required activities before the end of the year. *We strongly recommend completing CC activities and ABCC article exams annually rather than waiting until the end of a three-year block. CC Program deadlines will not be extended.*

If you do not successfully complete the article exams by the due date in your Physician Portal, or if you are enrolled in the exam pathway rather than the ABCC pathway, you will need to pass the CC exam by your exam due date shown in your Physician Portal in order to maintain certification. For questions about CC program requirements, email Questions@abpn.org or call 847-229-6512.

Important Note: Access to the ABCC article exams should always be accessed from the ABPN Physician Portal to ensure that updated information is provided. Do not use saved bookmarks to access the ABCC article exams as this may lead to an outdated or inaccurate link.

Board certification status is contingent on meeting all CC requirements, which are largely grouped into three-year CC blocks, as outlined in the graphic below.



NEW! ABPN Issues Call for Grant Award Applications to Study Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME) in Residency Training

The ABPN is issuing a Request for Applications to support research on competency-based medical education (CBME) in psychiatry, neurology, and child neurology residency training. Funding will support investigator-led projects to develop competency-based outcomes and assessment tools and study their usefulness and feasibility across training programs, with

the goal of strengthening resident assessment, feedback, and decisions about readiness for independent practice.

Visit the ABPN Grant Awards web page for deadline information and application requirements.

ABPN Login Security Enhanced: Reset your Physician Portal Password

ABPN has recently enhanced login security protocols for the Physician Portal. When logging in, you will see prompts guiding you through migrating your account and resetting your password. Please follow these prompts to complete the process.

ABPN recommends logging in today to update and change your password, rather than waiting for a deadline or the end of year. Acting now will help you avoid delays and allow time to resolve any technical issues you may encounter. If you have any questions, contact Questions@abpn.org.

ABPN's Academic Pathway: An Alternate Pathway to Board Certification Eligibility

ABPN's Academic Pathway is a pilot alternate pathway to ABPN certification in primary specialties, intended for psychiatrists and neurologists who do not meet standard ABPN eligibility criteria but have demonstrated accomplishments and further future potential as academic faculty members. We encourage you to share this information with your colleagues.

The Academic Pathway is open to eligible applicants for the 2027 certification examinations. Prospective applicants should visit the Academic Pathway section of the ABPN website for details. ABPN reviews eligibility throughout the year after receiving all required documentation. Applicants may not take a certification examination until ABPN has issued a letter granting full Academic Pathway eligibility and they have submitted a certification examination application by the posted deadline. Questions may be directed to Questions@abpn.org.

ABPN Spotlight On ...

The ABPN's *Spotlight On* ... showcases various ABPN diplomates and provides a personal look at directors, committee members, and other board-certified physician colleagues.

In the latest Spotlight On, the ABPN talks with Ebony Dix, MD, and Anthony L. Fine, MD. Some highlights from the Spotlight On include:



Ebony Dix is Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine and an attending psychiatrist at Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT.

Please tell us your thoughts about the role and importance of ABPN board certification. ABPN board certification in geriatric psychiatry is an important benchmark for patients, families, caregivers and signifies to the public that one is uniquely qualified in their role as a geriatric psychiatrist.

Read Dr. Dix's full Spotlight On ... here.



Anthony L. Fine, MD, is an Assistant Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, MN.

Please tell us your thoughts about the role and importance of ABPN board certification. I view ABPN board certification as an important demonstration that a physician has met rigorous professional standards. Board certification is the first step in the path of lifelong learning.

Read Dr. Fine's full Spotlight On ... here.

Did You Know?

Diplomates have *many* options to meet the PIP requirement of the CC Program

"Did You Know?" is a new regular feature in these Quarterly Updates. It addresses topics suggested by diplomates' responses in the 2026 Diplomate Survey earlier this year. This article will describe the many ways to satisfy the Continuing Certification Performance in Practice (PIP) activity requirement.

The basic intent of the PIP is to obtain information that helps physicians continue to improve their own clinical practice. Diplomates can choose *either* one Clinical Module *or* one Feedback Module to complete the PIP activity. Those choosing the Clinical Module assess and collect data from at least five of their own patient charts and compare their practice to established guidelines or other relevant standards of care. More details are available on the ABPN website.

For the Feedback Module, diplomates obtain feedback from others about their own performance, typically done using questionnaires, surveys, or evaluation forms similar to those already used in most clinical or teaching settings. The feedback may come from any of a number of different sources, including patients, peers (who may be physicians or clinicians from other disciplines), clinical, supervisors, or physician residents or fellows submitting evaluations of the diplomate as their supervising physician. Any *one* of these sources is sufficient to complete a feedback module.

Diplomates must complete *one* of the above PIP activities every three years. A full list of potential options and detailed PIP steps/instructions are described in the ABPN PIP Handout. The ABPN website also contains sample feedback forms that may be used by any diplomate.

Questions about completing a PIP activity? Suggestions for ABPN about consideration of additional PIP feedback forms or other options? Contact ABPN at Questions@abpn.org or call 847-229-6512.

ABPN Principles for the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The ABPN Board of Directors recently developed and adopted a set of principles guiding the use of artificial intelligence (AI). Currently ABPN does not use AI in the development of its assessments, including Certification examinations, Continuing Certification examinations, or ABCC article examinations. However, ABPN continues to explore opportunities to enhance its assessment processes and will adhere to these principles as it does so.

To learn more, please review the ABPN Principles for the Use of AI on the ABPN website.

2027 Exam Schedule Available

The ABPN certification and continuing certification exam schedule for 2027 is available on the ABPN website. ABPN offers both Spring and Fall exam dates for select Continuing Certification (CC) exams to give diplomates more choices within a given year.

Single CC examination administrations will continue to be offered for all certifications. Exam fees in 2027 will again remain unchanged, although inflationary pressures make it likely that fees may need to be increased in the future year.

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