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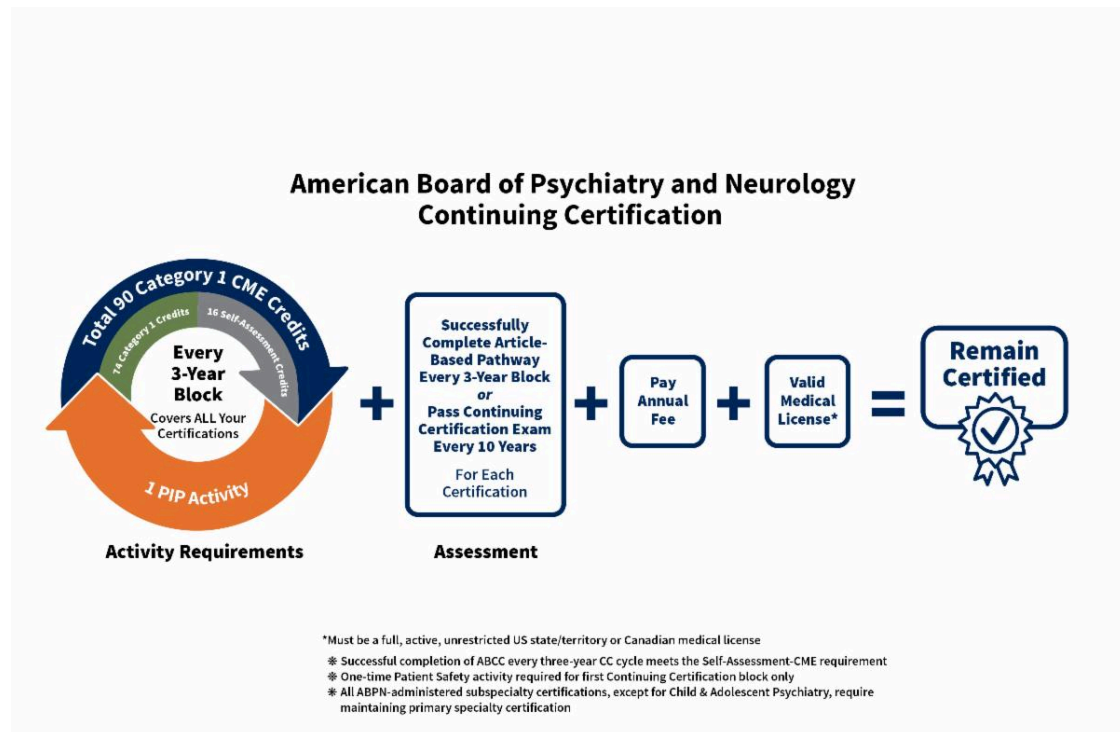
Don't delay finishing CC activities and article exams. If you are enrolled in the Article-Based CC (ABCC) Pathway in the 2023-2025 three-year block, you must successfully complete article exams by **December 31, 2025**, to have them count in lieu of your next scheduled CC examination.



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.

Board certification status is contingent on meeting all CC requirements, which are largely grouped into three-year CC cycles, as outlined in the [graphic](#) below. *CC Program deadlines will not be extended.*



Reminder: Article Requirements for Article-Based Continuing Certification (ABCC) Pathway

The required number of article exams in the ABCC Pathway was reduced earlier this year to 20 every three years for each certification. The [Physician Portal](#) indicates how many article exams a diplomate needs to complete per certification, as well as the deadline to complete article exams. Full details of the ABCC Pathway can be found in the [ABCC Pathway FAQs](#).

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

As was announced in the August 2025 Quarterly Update diplomate newsletter, the 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.

The new pathway is open to eligible applicants for the 2026 certification examinations. Prospective applicants should contact the ABPN to request

access to the examination application. Application deadlines are posted on the ABPN website. We encourage you to share this information with your colleagues. Please visit the [Academic Pathway page](#) on the ABPN website for more information. If you have any questions, please contact us at Questions@abpn.org.

Visit ABPN's Value of Certification Webpage

As a board-certified diplomate, your expertise is of great value to your patients! The ABPN's [Value of Certification webpage](#) is devoted to the importance of the board-certified specialist. The webpage provides information about ABPN board certification and what it means for physicians to achieve and maintain their certification. The materials on the webpage are a resource for patients, family members, and other members of the general public. As a diplomate, you have worked long and hard to obtain and maintain your board certification; you may wish to share these materials with your patients. The webpage includes:

- Flowcharts, which show the typical professional journey required to become a board-certified psychiatrist, neurologist, or child neurologist
- Informational flyers that summarize important facts about board-certified physicians
- Answers to frequently asked questions from the general public
- A link to VerifyCERT, which allows users to look up ABPN-certified physicians by name, specialty, or location
- Videos about board certification from ABPN President and CEO Dr. Jeffrey Lyness
- Links to lists of published research and other articles about the value of board certification
- A flowchart that shows the overall process of ABPN test development, scoring, and reporting processes, conveying the degree of rigor involved in ABPN assessments.

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.

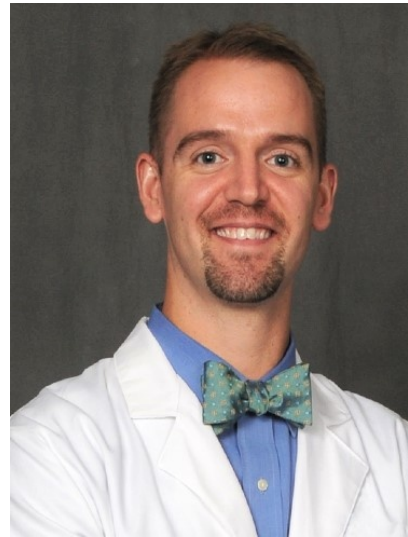
In the latest [Spotlight On](#), the ABPN talks with [Jeffrey B. Ratliff, MD](#), and [Sejal B. Shah, MD](#). Some highlights from the Spotlight On include:

Jeffrey B. Ratliff, MD, is Associate Professor of Neurology and Director, Neurology Residency Program and Movement Disorders Fellowship, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA.

Please tell us your thoughts about the role and importance of ABPN board certification.

ABPN board certification serves as a critical framework for clinical and professional standards in neurology. It provides a set of standards for educators and trainees while also helping build a commitment to lifelong learning among diplomates.

Read Dr. Ratliff's full [Spotlight On ... here](#).



Sejal B. Shah, MD, is Associate Chief, Division of Psychiatry in Medicine – Mass General Brigham Department of Psychiatry, and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.

What have your experiences been like in your interactions with the ABPN as a candidate or as a diplomate?

I have greatly enjoyed my time as a member of the Continuous Certification Subspecialty Article Assessment Committee for Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry. Collaborating with and learning from such thoughtful and dedicated colleagues has been an inspiring and rewarding experience.

Read Dr. Shah's full [Spotlight On ... here](#).



Physician Portal Login News

Beginning in November, the ABPN will transition to a new, more secure password authentication platform. When logging in after the update, all Physician Portal users will be prompted to follow simple on-screen instructions to update their password. Once complete, your account will be securely migrated and no further action is required.



2026 Examination Schedule Available

The [ABPN certification and continuing certification exam schedule](#) for 2026 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.

NEW: 2026 will be the final year ABPN offers combined CC exams for physicians seeking continuing certification in multiple specialties or subspecialties. The ABPN Board of Directors has decided to discontinue combined CC exams due to the popularity of the ABCC Pathway and the lack of demand for combined exams.

Single CC examination administrations will continue to be offered for all certifications. Exam fees in 2026 will again remain unchanged, although inflationary pressures make it likely that fees may need to be increased in a future year.

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