



Academic Pathway – Required Documentation

Applicants must submit this checklist along with the required documents at the time of application for the certification examination or at the time of request for a pre-eligibility letter

1. Medical school documentation:

a. For graduates of LCME-accredited medical schools, submission of medical school diploma

Or

b. For graduates of AOA-accredited medical schools, submission of medical school diploma

Or

c. For graduates of medical schools not accredited by the LCME or the AOA, submission of valid ECFMG certification and applicant's date of birth

2. Satisfactory completion of at least 4 full years (48 calendar months) of post-medical degree clinical specialty training (i.e., residency or equivalent) in psychiatry, neurology, or child neurology, which must be one of the following:

International training that includes a minimum of 3 years (36 calendar months) of training in the primary specialty for which certification is being sought

Osteopathic training accredited by the AOA and successfully completed before the creation of the Single Accreditation System

ACGME-accredited training successfully completed *if* the physician has 'timed out' of requirements for standard ABPN certification eligibility criteria

Documentation must be from the residency program director or an institutional leader (department chair, dean, etc.) and include training dates. The training length must meet the requirements listed above.

3. Unrestricted U.S. medical license, as stipulated in the ABPN policy on licensure

4. Must provide ABPN attestation form signed and submitted to ABPN by the department chair at the time of application (or equivalent institutional leader); the form is found [HERE](#).

(For those requesting a pre-eligibility letter from ABPN, the Chair's attestation is only necessary at the time of application for the certification examination).

All policies and requirements for the Academic Pathway can be found [HERE](#).

NOTE: All policies, components, and requirements of the ABPN Academic Pathway are subject to change. Physicians interested in applying to the Academic Pathway are responsible for remaining informed about current requirements by consulting the ABPN website at www.abpn.org for regular updates.